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Aruba Judge: U.S. man to be held in woman's disappearance

Gary V. Giordano, the US citizen being held in the disappearance of 35-year-old Robyn Gardner, covers his head while being led to jail from a police station in San Nicolás, Aruba, Monday Aug. 15, 2011. A judge granted a request from Aruban prosecutors to extend the detention of Giordano, suspected in the death of his travel companion during a short trip to the Caribbean island.

(AP Photo/Pedro Famous Diaz)

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ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) —

A judge ruled Monday that Aruban prosecutors have enough evidence against an American tourist to continue holding him while the investigate the disappearance of his travel companion. Police led Gary V. Giordano, a 50-year-old businessman, into a van to be taken to jail after the closed hearing inside the police station where he has been held since he was arrested while trying to leave the Dutch Caribbean island.

The officers covered Giordano's head with a blue and white towel in an attempt to shield him from reporters and photographers waiting outside the station, where the closed court hearing was held.

Prosecutors had submitted two requests to extend his detention for eight days each. The judge took the unusual step of approving

both simultaneously, rather than waiting for the first to expire, "because of the seriousness of the case and of

Robyn Gardner of Frederick, Maryland, disappeared while they were snorkeling Aug. 2 off the southern tip of

ner is dead but her body has not been found and authorities have appealed to the public for assistance, hoping witnesses who saw them on the island can help investigators determine what happened to her. "We keep on the investigation and we hope that our appeal to the public will yield information," Stein said.

Outside the court, Giordano's defense lawyer, Michael Lopez, would say little about the decision. "There are too many unanswered questions," he told reporters, declining further comment. Earlier Monday, Lopez told The Associated Press that his client should be released.

"Based on the evidence I have seen, my conclusion is that the prosecution does not have enough evidence to hold my client in detention," he said. Gardner's mother, Andrea Colson, praised the handling of the case by Aruban authorities

and echoed the call for witnesses to come forward with information that might help the investigation.

"We are confident in the decision made by the Aruban authorities to keep Gary Giordano in custody," Colson said in a written statement after the detention ruling. "... We just want to find our daughter, and we continue to ask the public for any tips they may have in helping our Robyn come home."

Aruban law, which is based on the Dutch legal system, requires prosecutors to seek authority to detain suspects for specific amounts of time to allow for an investigation. After this 16-day period of detention ends, prosecutors can ask that Giordano be held for 60 days while they prepare a case, but that would require more substantial evidence. Charges would be filed at the end of the 60 days if prosecutors took the case to court. □



FBI agents are seen in the driveway of Gary Giordano house after a raid in Gaithersburg Md. A judge granted a request from Aruban prosecutors to extend the detention of Giordano, suspected in the death of his travel companion during a short trip to the Caribbean island.

(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

the importance of the investigation," Solicitor General Taco Stein said.

Giordano, who is from Gaithersburg, Maryland, has told police that his travel companion, 35-year-old

Aruba. Authorities said they detained him as he tried to leave the island three days later because of questions about his account of what happened.

Prosecutors believe Gard-

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'Don't ask, don't tell'

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Rep. Michele Bachmann said over the weekend that if she were elected president, she would favor reinstating the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that barred openly gay men and lesbians from serving in the military.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum has expressed a similar sentiment.

"The 'don't ask, don't tell' policy has worked very well," Bachmann, R-Minn., said Sunday on CNN. Asked whether she would reinstate the ban, she said, "I would be in consultation with our commanders, but, yes, I probably would."

While there might be practical obstacles to reverting to the old policy, it would not be hard to do under the law, legal experts say. That is because the law repealing the ban that President Barack Obama signed in December did not expressly order the Pentagon to allow openly gay troops in the armed forces. Congress merely laid out a process under which the ban could be lifted.

Under that process, the president, the defense secretary and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had to certify that the repeal would not undermine recruiting, retention, morale and other indicators of what is commonly called military readiness. □

Obama hits the road with heartland bus tour

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CANNON FALLS, Minn. — For

most of this summer, President Barack Obama has been under siege in the White House. On Monday, he became a road warrior, kicking off a three-day bus tour of the Midwest that provided him campaign-style opportunities to go after Republicans in a region vital to his re-election.

Traveling in a black bus with tinted windows and flashing red and blue lights that looked like something out of a "Mad Max" movie, the president urged audiences in Minnesota and Iowa to tell their elected officials they will no longer tolerate the partisan gridlock on display in the recent debt-ceiling talks.

"You've got to send a message to Washington that it is time for the games to stop," Obama told a polite crowd of 500 people under a leafy canopy of elm and black walnut trees here. "It's time to put country first," he said, echoing a line used by his Republican opponent in the 2008 presidential race, Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

The tour did not quite match the jaunty charm of bus trips by would-be presidents, including Obama himself. But in his appearance here, and a later one at an Iowa seed exchange, he struck themes intended to appeal to moderate and independent voters, while drawing sharp contrasts with Republicans.

"I'm here to enlist you in a fight," said Obama, tie-

less and in shirtsleeves. He called on them to demand political leaders who choose "the next genera-

cans held a straw poll Saturday in Ames, Iowa, that was won by Rep. Michelle Bachmann of Minnesota,



President Barack Obama is helped to his feet after posing for a photo with a group of children at Chatfield Elementary School, in Chatfield, Minn., on Aug. 15, 2011. Obama, beset by convulsing financial markets, a relapsing economy and corrosive political discord in Washington, left Washington on Monday for a three-day bus tour of the Midwest designed to underscore his resolve to lift the nation out of its morass.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

tion over the next election." When Congress reconvenes next month, he said, he hoped it would move swiftly to tackle the nation's fragile economy. The three-state swing, which included impromptu stops at a school and a coffee shop where Obama loaded up on apple and pumpkin pie, is an effort by him to reclaim the initiative, after a dismal summer in which he was stymied on the debt talks, then rebuked with a downgrade of America's credit rating. It is also putting Obama center stage in places where the Republican campaign for the presidency is heating up, and at a time when the president's approval ratings are at an all-time low. Republi-

and Gov. Rick Perry of Texas stumbled in Iowa on Monday.

The president took a few shots at the Republican field, noting with an incredulous tone that none of the candidates, when asked at a debate, said they would support a deficit-reduction plan that included \$1 of tax increases for every \$10 of spending cuts.

"That's just not common sense," Obama said.

Obama also obliquely criticized Mitt Romney, noting that Republicans had supported health-care plans that contained individual mandates — as Romney did while governor of Massachusetts, and as Obama's health-care plan does — only to disavow them later in what he described as a

case of "amnesia."

The president's itinerary is giving him a homespun backdrop for his hard-edged message, taking him past family farms and through fly-speck towns like Peosta, Iowa, (population 1,377) and Alpha, Ill. (pop. 671).

Other stops include a visit to Seed Savers, a group in Decorah, Iowa, that preserves and trades heirloom seeds; a rural economic forum in Peosta; and two more town hall meetings in Alpha and Atkinson, Ill.

In Cannon Falls, Obama got a warm reception from the crowd of mostly Democrats and independents, drawing chuckles when he sidestepped a question about legalizing marijuana for medical purposes. But there were skeptics, particularly those who had suffered most from the recession.

"It seems to me he could get more directly involved," said Dennis Maloney, 55, who was laid off in the past year as a technician working on electromagnetic compatibility issues. "It seems that he sits back." In the debt-ceiling debate, Maloney said, "You don't see his face; you see Republican faces."

Robyn Betsinger, a 47-year-old telecommunications executive who described herself as an independent, said, "He's doing his best, but he inherited a big mess. Right now, everyone is dissatisfied with the economy."

Other people were more generous. □

For Perry, confident and enthusiastic, the race is on

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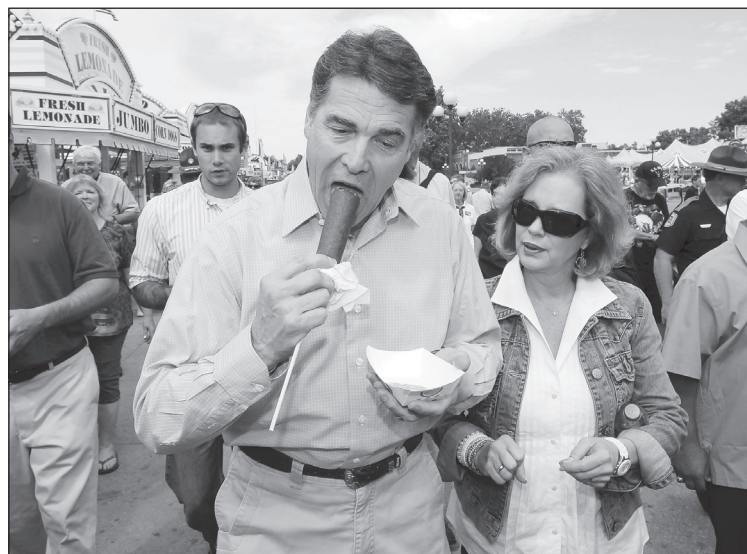
DES MOINES — Gov. Rick Perry of Texas was about to be overshadowed by yet another heckler at the Iowa State Fair on Monday when he turned to an old cheerleading trick.

"Do we have any Aggies in the crowd?" asked Perry, summoning a voice from his days back on the yell squad at Texas A&M as he looked over a swarm of people who gathered to see his debut here as a Republican presidential candidate. "We've got to have some Aggies in the crowd!" With that, a cheer rose up and the audience burst into applause. The heckler, similar to one who irritated Mitt Romney and Michele Bachmann at the same spot a few days earlier, was swiftly silenced. As a satisfying smile stretched across his face, he quickly resumed telling voters why he believes he should be the next president of the United States. "I get a little bit passionate," Perry said. "I think you want a president who is passionate about America — that's in love with America."

The introduction of Perry as a presidential candidate unfolded in bite-size pieces as he sauntered across the fairgrounds on the third day of his announcement tour.

The path had already been well worn by his Republican rivals who camped out in the state last week, but he breezed in like a long-lost

ing over to thank him for joining the race. Asked about comparisons to George W. Bush, he said: "I'm Rick Perry. He's George



Republican presidential candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry walks with his wife Anita and eats a veggie corn dog as they visited the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, Aug. 15, 2011. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

visitor, so confident that he blew kisses into a camera when asked about Romney. "Give him my love," Perry said. The addition of Perry to the presidential campaign has changed the landscape of the Republican field — particularly for Romney and Bachmann — while injecting a shot of vigor into the contest. Whether making up for lost time or feeling an itch to engage while he had a ready audience, Perry held a rolling conversation with reporters, interrupted again and again by people rush-

Bush. Our records are quite different." He added, "I went to Texas A&M, he went to Yale. George Bush is not my opponent."

Asked about Sarah Palin, he said: "Sarah is a dear friend. She'll make the right decision."

But it was the questions about Romney that seemed to most engage Perry. "Take a look at his record when he was governor. Take a look at my record," Perry said. A few minutes later, he added: "I wasn't on Wall Street. I wasn't working in Bain

Capital," forging directly at the critique that Romney has made against him — that his credentials are limited to government service, not deep experience in the private sector. (At nearly the same time in New Hampshire on Monday, Romney said it was critical to have experience from the "real economy" but he refrained from direct criticism of Perry. He added, "I've learned how the economy works, and I believe that skill is what the nation is looking for.") The long-distance exchange — experience in the public sector versus the private sector — highlights a central argument that will be debated until Republicans choose a nominee next year to challenge President Barack Obama. The bumper sticker message of Perry's candidacy, "Getting America Working Again," is painted on his campaign bus, which Wednesday will come within a few miles of Obama's own bus tour. "This president has been an abject failure when it comes to the economy," Perry said. For his part, Perry seemed pleased to take as many questions on the subject that came his way, no matter if he was eating a hard-boiled egg on a stick (or two) or slowly savoring a pork chop. He paused for a moment, as he reached a patch of shade on a warm afternoon, and told how he would lower the nation's unemployment rate.

"This is pretty simple stuff," Perry said. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist. You don't have to have a Ph.D. in economics to understand that you have to keep the taxes low, have a regulatory climate that's fair and predictable, and you have a legal system that doesn't allow for over-

A golden decade for defense ends

JONATHAN FAHEY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are winding down, Osama bin Laden is dead, and the federal government is deeply in debt. This spells the end of what was a golden decade for the defense industry.

In the decade since the Sept. 11 attacks, the annual defense budget has more than doubled to \$700 billion and annual defense industry profits have nearly quadrupled, approaching \$25 billion last year.

Now defense spending is poised to retreat, and so are industry profits. "We're about to go into the downhill side of the roller coaster here," said David Berteau, a defense industry analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Congress agreed last month to cut military spending by \$350 billion over the next 10 years. The defense budget will automatically be cut by another \$500 billion over that period if lawmakers fail to reach a deficit-cutting deal by November. Defense industry stocks have already begun to suffer; they are lagging the S&P 500 in recent months. During the last defense spending downturn, which lasted from 1985 to 1997, defense stocks underperformed the broader market by 33 percent, according to an analysis by RBC Capital Markets. The Sept. 11 attacks forced the world's biggest and best-funded military to quickly retool itself. □

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Medicaid pays less for many prescription drugs

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WASHINGTON — Medicaid gets much deeper discounts on many prescription drugs than Medicare, in part because Medicaid discounts are set by law whereas Medicare prices are negotiated by private insurers and drug companies, federal investigators said Monday in a new report. The report, from the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services, could be used by lawmakers trying to cut drug prices as Congress looks for ways to rein in the cost of Medicare under the new deficit-reduction law. Under existing law, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the cost of Medicare's outpatient drug benefit will increase an average of nearly 10 percent a year, to \$175 billion in 2021, from \$68 billion this year.

Medicaid and Medicare receive discounts in the form of rebates, which are paid by drug manufacturers when their products are dispensed to people enrolled in the programs.

The inspector general, Daniel R. Levinson, found that rebates reduced spending on 100 widely used brand name drugs by 19 percent in Medicare and by 45 percent in Medicaid. After taking account of the rebates, Levinson said, Medicaid paid significantly less than Medicare for the same

drugs.

Federal law specifies how the discount, or rebate, is calculated under Medicaid, the program for low-income people. The minimum rebate for a brand-name drug was increased last year to 23 percent of the average price that manufacturers receive for sales of the product to retail pharmacies.

Drug companies must pay additional rebates to Medicaid if a drug's price rises faster than general inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index. The inspector general said these added rebates accounted for slightly more than half of all rebates paid to Medicaid on the top 100 drugs. Prices for many of these drugs have been rising at a brisk pace.

"The inflation-based additional rebate is the primary reason Medicaid rebates are substantially higher" than Medicare rebates, Levinson said. Manufacturers of virtually all brand name drugs paid these extra Medicaid rebates, he said.

For 68 of the 100 drugs examined in the study, the Medicaid rebate was at least twice as large as the rebate paid to Medicare.

"Manufacturers for virtually all brand name drugs under review paid inflation-based rebates" to Medicaid because their prices rose faster than inflation, the report said. □

A landmark's birthday giveaway draws on its inspiration

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SEATTLE — Already, a gender divide seems to be developing over the desirability of being launched into space, at least in the

and women who were interviewed atop Seattle's most distinctive landmark, its sleek figure capped by what looks like a spaceship that just landed from another planet.



Visitors peer over the edge of the observation deck of the Space Needle in Seattle. To celebrate the Space Needle's upcoming 50th anniversary, the landmark is holding a contest for a suborbital spaceflight, 62 miles above the earth

(Matthew Ryan Williams/The New York Times)

Bordian family, who were visiting the Space Needle here the other day, staring out at the cloudy cityscape and mulling the tower's latest promotional contest — for a suborbital spaceflight, 62 miles above the Earth.

The husband, Kelly Bordian, 43, a dentist, thinks "there is no cooler place to go."

The wife, Lisa Bordian, 44, prefers to stay closer to home.

"I've just started traveling the Earth," she said. "I don't know if I'm ready for space."

The pattern was repeated among several other men

Even Ron Sevart, the president of the Space Needle, who dreamed up the promotion, acknowledged a gender divide. He would love to go into space himself, he said, "but my mother-in-law wouldn't let me." The Space Needle turns 50 next year and is hoping to capitalize on, if not refurbish, its image as a symbol of the future.

The tower was built for the 1962 World's Fair, at the dawn of the space age. The "Space Race" sweepstakes, coming just as NASA's space shuttle program has ended, hopes

to highlight the work of private companies that are picking up where NASA left off.

The Space Needle is partnering with Space Adventures, a private space tourism company that has arranged flights to the International Space Station for eight people who have paid for the multimillion-dollar adventure themselves; in this case, the Space Needle will cover all expenses, which officials put at \$110,000.

Sevart and others announced the contest Aug. 1. In the first 48 hours, about 14,000 people submitted their names, through spaceneedle.com or Facebook, officials said, and thousands more have been entering every day since. The contest closes Nov. 30. Sending someone into space seems a rather audacious public relations stunt, one that could carry considerable risk to the winner, not to mention the Space Needle. Sevart said the winner would sign a liability waiver. He has experience in such things, having run three major Six Flags properties. He said the Space Needle was looking for a particular type of person to carry its banner into the great beyond — one who could articulate how going into space would enhance the narrative arc of his or her life, and, of course, reflect well on the Space Needle. □

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Stanford will teach artificial intelligence online, free

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PALO ALTO, Calif. —

A free online course at Stanford University on artificial intelligence, to be taught this fall by two leading experts from Silicon Valley, has attracted more than 58,000 students around the globe — nearly four times the size of Stanford's entire student body. The course is one of three being offered experimentally by the Stanford computer department to extend technology knowledge and skills beyond this elite campus to the entire world, the university is expected to announce Tuesday.

The online students will not get Stanford grades or credit, but they will be ranked in comparison to the work of Stanford students and will receive a "statement of accomplishment."

For the artificial intelligence course, students may need some higher math, like linear algebra and probability theory, but there are no restrictions to online participation. So far, the age range is from high school to retirees, and the course has attracted interest from more than 175 countries.

The instructors are Sebastian Thrun and Peter Norvig, two of the world's best-known experts in artificial intelligence. In 2005 Thrun led a team of Stanford students and professors in building a robotic car that won a Pentagon-sponsored challenge by driving 132 miles over unpaved roads in a California desert. More recently he has led a secret Google project to develop autonomous vehicles that

have driven more than 100,000 miles on California public roads.

vancement of Artificial Intelligence. She forwarded the email widely, and the

For example, the Khan Academy, which focuses on high school and middle

ing, have in the past been taught to smaller groups of Stanford students in campus lecture halls. Last year, for example, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence drew 177 students.

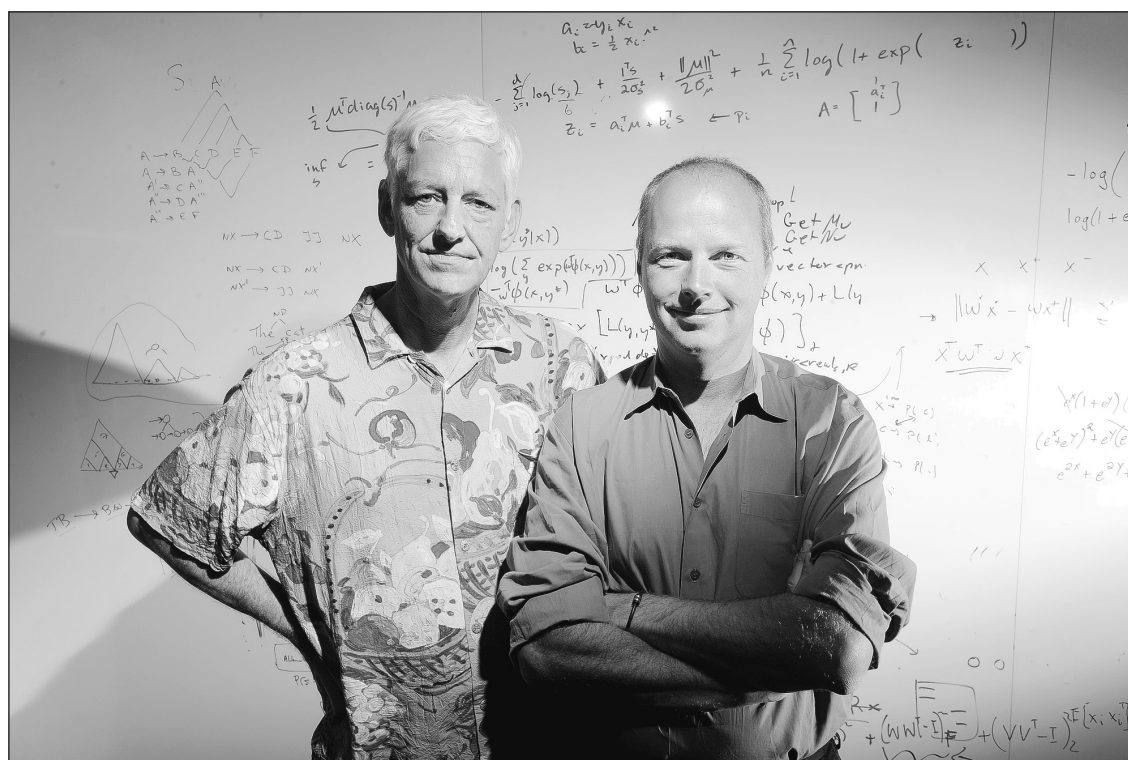
The two additional courses will be an introductory course on database software, taught by the computer science department chair, Jennifer Widom, and an introduction to machine learning, taught by Andrew Ng.

Widom said she had recorded her video lectures during the summer and would use classroom sessions to work with smaller groups of students on projects that might be competitive and to bring in people from the industry to give special lectures. Unlike the AI course, this one will compare online students with one another and not with the Stanford students.

How will the artificial intelligence instructors grade 58,000 students? The scientists said they would make extensive use of technology.

"We have a system running on the Amazon cloud, so we think it will hold up," Norvig said.

In place of office hours, they will use the Google moderator service, software that will allow students to vote on the best questions for the professors to respond to in an online chat and possibly video format. They are considering ways to personalize the exams to minimize cheating. Part of the instructional software was developed by Know Labs, a company Thrun helped start. □



Sebastian Thrun and Peter Norvig, two of the world's best-known artificial intelligence experts, at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., Aug. 15, 2011. A free online course at Stanford University on artificial intelligence, to be taught this fall by Thrun and Norvig, has attracted more than 58,000 students around the globe.

(Noah Berger/The New York Times)

Norvig is a former NASA scientist who is now Google's director of research and the author of a leading textbook on artificial intelligence.

The computer scientists said they were uncertain about why the artificial intelligence, or AI, class had drawn such a large audience. Thrun said he had tried to advertise the course this summer by distributing notices at an academic conference in Spain but had gotten only 80 registrants.

Then, several weeks ago he emailed an announcement to Carol Hamilton, the executive director of the Association for the Ad-

announcement spread virally. The two scientists said they had been inspired by the recent work of Salman Khan, an MIT-educated electrical engineer who in 2006 established a nonprofit organization to provide video tutorials to students around the world on a variety of subjects via YouTube. "The vision is: Change the world by bringing education to places that can't be reached today," Thrun said. The rapid increase in the availability of high-bandwidth Internet service, coupled with a wide array of interactive software, has touched off a new wave of experimentation in education.

school, intentionally turns the relationship of the classroom and homework upside down. Students watch lectures at home, then work on problem sets in class, where the teacher can assist them one on one. The Stanford scientists said they were focused on going beyond early Internet education efforts which frequently involved uploading online videos of lectures given by professors, but did little to motivate students to do the coursework required to master subjects.

The three online courses, which will employ both streaming Internet video and interactive technologies for quizzes and grad-

Ex-Bermuda leader's son convicted in Los Angeles

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Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP)

— The physician son of Bermuda's former premier was convicted Monday on charges of committing sexual crimes against nine female patients under the guise of breast and pelvic exams. The Superior Court jury convicted Kevin Antario Brown, 40, of 21 counts and deadlocked on eight other charges.

two women and one count involving another woman.

Brown, a family practitioner, was arrested in 2008. In the trial's closing arguments, the prosecution cited the testimony of one victim who came in to be evaluated for weight loss treatment and said she had her breasts fondled after being told she needed a mammogram. Another victim came



Kevin Antario Brown, the physician son of Bermuda's former premier, was convicted Monday on charges of committing sexual crimes against nine female patients under the guise of breast and pelvic exams.

(AP)

Brown had pleaded not guilty to numerous counts ranging from sexual exploitation to forcible rape. Several counts were dismissed during the trial.

Brown is the son of Ewart Brown, who stepped down as Bermuda's premier last year.

Prosecutors said Brown attacked 11 women, including an undercover police officer, over five years at three of his clinics. Some were given inappropriate breast or pelvic exams for unrelated complaints like lightheadedness or flulike symptoms.

The jury deadlocked on all counts involving

in to discuss a lump on her breast only to have Brown put his face on her chest and his mouth on her breast as part of the supposed examination, the prosecutor said.

The defense challenged the credibility of the patients and called the undercover officer a liar. The defense pointed to one patient who claimed she was molested when she came to Brown with concerns that she suffered from anemia because of lightheadedness, but later went back to an appointment with Brown and agreed to distribute flyers advertising his business at her college. □

Defense to seek new trial for US serial killer

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CLEVELAND (AP) — A new trial has been requested for a serial killer who dumped the remains of 11 women in and around his home deserves because a juror expressed horror during a jury visit to the scene and complained after the verdict that he had winked at her during the trial, according to a court document filed by his defense team.

The new trial request was filed Friday morning, just hours before Anthony Sowell, 51, was sentenced to death by Judge Dick Ambrose.

The conviction and death sentence will be appealed automatically to the state Supreme Court.

One of Sowell's defense attorneys, Rufus Sims, said Monday that the motion had been filed prematurely and that the defense was working on a replacement. He said the defense must wait until 14 days after the sentencing before it can request a new trial.

Assistant prosecutor Richard Bombik said he was confident that neither issue would lead to a new trial.

Anyone going to Sowell's Cleveland house might

react with disgust, he said. And it wouldn't be fair to grant a new trial to a defendant who causes a courtroom stir with a wink or a smile, he said.

A defense attorney and visiting professor at Case



Anthony Sowell sits with his eyes close during the court session in Cleveland on Friday, Aug. 12, 2011. A new trial has been requested for a serial killer who dumped the remains of 11 women in and around his home deserves because a juror expressed horror during a jury visit to the scene and complained after the verdict that he had winked at her during the trial, according to a court document filed by his defense team.

(AP Photo/Marvin Fong, Pool)

Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Mike Benza, said the issues might be grounds for concern.

The jury visit is intended to give jurors a sense of the place but isn't evidence, said Benza, who isn't

involved in the Sowell case. The wink issue might turn on whether the juror made a verdict decision based on eye contact with the defendant, he said.

The motion seeking a new trial cited comments made by the jury forewoman after the trial that Sowell winked at her in what she believed was an attempt to win favorable treatment. The murdered women began disappearing in 2007, and prosecutors say Sowell lured them to his home with the promise of alcohol or drugs. Police discovered the first two bodies and a freshly dug grave in late 2009 after officers went to investigate a woman's report that she had been raped there.

Many of the women found in Sowell's home had been missing for weeks or months, and some had criminal records. They were disposed of in garbage bags and plastic sheets, then dumped in various parts of the house and yard.

The rotting bodies created an overpowering stench that neighbors blamed on an adjacent sausage factory, whose owner spent \$20,000 on new plumbing fixtures and sewer lines, to no avail. □

Judge OKs felony charges over U.S. Facebook posts

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A judge has upheld felony charges against a woman accused of using Facebook to try to find someone to kill her baby's father and against a teenager accused of offering to do the job for \$1,000.

A defense lawyer argued that 20-year-old London Eley of Philadelphia was only venting when she posted the online message after an argument with her baby's father. Police say 18-year-old Timothy Bynum of suburban Darby accepted the offer and asked for details about the target.

"I will pay somebody a stack to kill my baby father," Eley wrote in a post this spring, according to a police affidavit.

"Say no more ... what he look like ... where

he be at ... need that stack 1st," Bynum wrote back, police say.

Eley exchanged messages with Bynum for about an hour but never met him or took any other steps to carry out the plan, according to her lawyer, Gerald Stein.

A city judge on Monday approved a murder solicitation charge and a weapons charge — with the computer being considered the weapon — against Eley and approved murder conspiracy and weapons charges against Bynum.

Police say they found several weapons in Bynum's home, although Stein said he believes one was lawfully licensed to a parent and another was a BB gun.

The Philadelphia Daily News first reported on the judge's rulings, which Stein confirmed. □

Turkey warns Syria to stop crackdown now

ANTHONY SHADID

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BEIRUT — Turkey's foreign minister demanded Monday that the Syrian government end its crackdown on a 5-month-old uprising "immediately and unconditionally," warning that unspecified steps would be taken otherwise. The comments by the minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, who visited the Syrian capital, Damascus, just last week, were the latest addition to a semantic exercise in diplomatic ambiguity, as the United States, European countries, Turkey and Syria's Arab neighbors have sought to condemn the violence while leaving President Bashar Assad the chance to begin reform. The Syrian government has ignored the condemnations. Just days after the visit by Davutoglu, the government sent its military and security forces into the port of Latakia, the third city to fall target to a withering crackdown that activists say has killed 260 people this month. Since the beginning of August, government forces have retaken control of Hama, in central Syria, and Deir al-Zour, in the east, both of which witnessed demonstrations numbering in the hundreds of thousands earlier this summer. In Hama, a Western official said security forces used

anti-aircraft guns against civilian buildings. The same tactic was used in Latakia this weekend, activists told a news conference in Ankara, Turkey. "If the operations do not end, there would be nothing more to



Members of a pro-Islamic human rights group and Syrians living in Turkey, march to protest against the Syrian regime during a rally outside the Syrian consulate in Istanbul, Turkey. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said in Ankara that the Turkish ambassador to Damascus reported that tanks and security forces had begun to withdraw from Syrian city of Hama. "Let's hope that this development results positively and that within 10 or 15 days the process is completed so that steps toward reforms are taken in Syria," Erdogan said.

(AP Photo)

said, as well as gunfire that originated from ships off the coast. The Syrian government denied that ships fired at Latakia. Activists say 31 people have been killed since the beginning of the Latakia assault. "This is our final word to the Syrian authorities: Our first expectation is that these operations stop immediately and unconditionally," Davutoglu

discuss about steps that would be taken," he said, without saying what that action might include. Diplomats have said that they believe Turkey, during Davutoglu's visit with Assad, gave the Syrian government two weeks to introduce sweeping changes in a country that remains the region's most authoritarian. □

World Briefs

In Mexico:

Grenade attack kills 1, wounds 3

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — A grenade tossed onto a busy tourist boulevard in the Gulf coast city of Veracruz killed one man and seriously wounded a woman and her two young daughters, authorities said Monday. The office of Veracruz state Gov. Javier Duarte said the victims were Mexican tourists from another city, but did not specify their hometowns. The mother, 38, and her daughters — one 5 and the other only a few months old — were in intensive care. The state Public Health Department said the woman suffered "damage to vital organs" and the two girls needed surgery. They were felled by an explosion that shattered the calm of a Sunday outing on a thoroughfare leading to the city's beach. The boulevard is lined with restaurants and shops selling beach wear and was crowded with strollers. The government statement said gunmen fleeing police tossed the grenade from their car, apparently to stop police from pursuing them, a tactic that has been documented in the past by Mexico's drug gangs. □

Australian police:

Man arrested in fake bomb case

SYDNEY (AP) — An Australian man was arrested in the United States in connection with an attack on a Sydney teen who had a fake bomb chained to her neck, police said Tuesday. The 51-year-old man was arrested in Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday in an operation involving Australian police and the FBI, New South Wales state police said. Police will ask a U.S. court to extradite him to Australia. They declined to release his name or any other details. The arrest comes nearly two weeks after 18-year-old Madeleine Pulver was attacked in her home in the wealthy Sydney suburb of Mosman as part of an alleged extortion attempt that Australia's prime minister said resembled "a Hollywood script." Pulver was home alone when police say a masked man broke into the house in the middle of the day, chained a device that looked like a bomb to her neck and left a note with demands before fleeing. Bomb technicians, negotiators and detectives rushed to the scene. Neighboring homes were evacuated, streets were closed and medical and fire crews waited nearby. Pulver spent 10 terrifying hours chained to the device before the bomb squad was able to free her. □

1 dead:

Egypt raids Sinai militant hideouts

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian army units and security forces raided several homes in the northern Sinai peninsula Monday, killing one suspected militant and arresting 4 others, security officials said.

The raids are part of a major operation against al-Qaida-inspired militants in Sinai who have taken advantage the security vacuum in the area following the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak's in February to launch increasingly brazen attacks on police patrols and a key pipeline that carries natural gas to Jordan and Israel. On Monday, troops backed by armored vehicles carried out five raids in el-Arish, the provincial capital of North Sinai, security officials said. In one location, they clashed with gunmen, killing one, and arrested four others. The five included four Egyptians from outside the Sinai and one Palestinian from Gaza who belongs to the Islamic Jihad militant faction, the officials said. □



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Japan: Visa for former Thai PM

THOMAS FULLER

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Japan has granted a visa to Thaksin Shinawatra, the former prime minister of Thailand who was ousted from power by the Thai military in 2006 and who has lived in exile since a Thai court convicted him of corruption three years ago.

The decision announced Monday by the Japanese government comes less than two weeks after Thaksin's younger sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was named Thai prime minister.

Yingluck has gone out of her way to play down any influence her brother may exert on her administration, and she has deflected questions about amnesty for him. But Thaksin is widely believed to be playing a key role as adviser and behind-the-scenes kingmaker to the new government. He was also instrumental in the election victory of Yingluck and her party last month.

The visa issue is important because it threatens to cut short Yingluck's political honeymoon and detract attention from her economic agenda, which includes sharp rises in minimum wages, guaranteed prices for rice farmers and other populist measures. Opposition politicians in Thailand criticized the issuance of the visa and described Thaksin as a fugitive from justice. □

Colombian rebel leader seeking asylum in Venezuela

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — An asylum request by a Colombian rebel commander captured in Venezuela has put on hold the man's handover to Colombian authorities, a leader of the Venezu-

Venezuela last month, and until that request is considered "they can't extradite him," Communist Party leader Pedro Eusse told The Associated Press in an interview.

"He wasn't captured in combat. He didn't have weapons,"

Ministry and Justice Ministry did not respond to requests by the AP for comment on Monday.

Venezuela has 30 days to rule on the asylum request, said Carlos Aquino, another leader of the Communist Party.

"Once the process is begun, no type of (transfer) can be carried out" until there is a response to the request, Aquino said.

President Hugo Chavez said in June that Torres' capture indicated cooperation between Venezuela and neighboring Colombia was producing positive results. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos praised Torres' capture, which was carried out by Venezuelan authorities with help from Colombian officials.

Torres is the most senior FARC commander captured since 2004 in Venezuela.

The United States had of-

fered a \$2.5 million reward for the FARC leader's capture.

He is wanted by Colombian authorities on charges of homicide, kidnapping and rebellion.

The Venezuelan Communist Party, which is a political ally of Chavez's socialist party, is optimistic the asylum request will be granted because Torres has said he fears he could be tortured or killed if he is sent back to Colombia, Eusse said.

Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami told reporters last week that Torres "is in the process of extradition to Colombia."

He also said that Torres has a health problem and that "we are investigating. Eusse described the health issue as a problem with Torres' prostate and said he thinks the prisoner's health troubles should weigh in favor of the asylum request. □



Colombian pop star Shakira poses with a soccer jersey that reads in English "Bare Feet", in Coral Gables, Fla. Shakira announced an initiative between her Barefoot Foundation, or Pies Descalzos, and the Foundation FC Barcelona that includes the construction of sport and recreation facilities in the Colombian city of Cartagena, as well as in Miami.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

elan Communist Party said Monday.

Guillermo Torres Cueter, better known by the alias "Julian Conrado," was captured in southwestern Venezuela in May. He is a senior commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and Venezuela's government has said it intends to extradite him to Colombia.

Torres requested asylum in

Eusse said. He said Torres "was working as a farmer in Barinas," the southwestern state where he was captured.

At first Torres was kept isolated after his capture, but that has changed recently as Venezuelan judicial authorities have begun to attend to the case, Eusse said.

"He has a right to his defense," Eusse said.

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Judge orders televising of Mubarak trial to end

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CAIRO – The spectacle of Hosni Mubarak lying in a cage at his criminal trial will no longer be televised, the Egyptian judge hearing the case ruled Monday.

The ruling ends the trial's extraordinary immediacy for Egyptians. The broadcast of the trial's first day, Aug. 3, served as a catharsis for post-revolutionary Egypt and electrified the Arab world with the image of an autocrat brought down by his own people, for the first time, to the standing of an ordinary criminal.

On Monday, the second day, Judge Ahmed Refaat said without explanation that he was turning the cameras off "to protect the public interest."

The Mubarak family was evidently pleased. For most of the day in court, Mubarak's sons, Gamal and Alaa, who are facing charges of corruption, tried to shield him from the cameras. But they left smirking and waving. Gamal, once his father's heir apparent, lifted a bound hand to flash a victory sign.

The former president, 83, entered and left on a gurney, though his face maintained the frown and wrinkled lip and sneer of cold command from the height of his power. The metal cage the Mubaraks shared is standard in Egyptian criminal trials, and it imparts an

unmistakable aura of guilt on defendants before any verdict is rendered.

Some Egyptians complained Monday that the judge had robbed them of seeing their former ruler behind the bars.

"Did we spend 23 days on the streets so that they show us Mubarak twice?" Salma

tention.

"If there were no cameras, you wouldn't find 10 lawyers there," he said. "They want to enter history, and they don't know they're entering it from its filthiest door."

In a parking lot outside the courtroom – a refitted police academy auditorium

nesses said, the detractors had prepared, stacking rocks in neat piles to hurl at his supporters, but hundreds of riot police officers, three armored personnel carriers and 10 police officers on horseback rapidly broke up the melee.

On Sunday, the military council now ruling Egypt

"If the judiciary doesn't get us our rights, no one should be upset if armed groups carry out assassinations, because there is no law and no judiciary," Mahfouz wrote.

Mahfouz, who has also criticized the military in television interviews, was charged in a military court and released on bail of about \$3,400. She could face years in jail.

Mubarak has been charged with criminal counts of corruption along with his sons, and also with ordering the killing of unarmed protesters challenging his rule. If convicted in the civilian court, he could face the death penalty.

A crowd of lawyers for the families of those killed during the protests that ended his rule bickered, sometimes even scuffling. Their issues could not be determined, but the judge ultimately told them to combine their demands into a single written list. Farid el-Deeb, the leader of the Mubarak defense team, requested access to documents related to accusations that the ailing former president and his sons had received expensive Red Sea villas in exchange for helping an associate win a lucrative land deal. The lawyers also requested ambulance records for those who died during the February protests that brought down Mubarak. □



Egyptian anti-Mubarak protesters react as they watch Mubarak behind bars on a giant screen outside a police academy court in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Aug. 15, 2011. Former president Hosni Mubarak, his two sons Alaa and Gamal, his security chief Habib el-Adly and six top police officers face second session of trial, on charges they ordered the use of lethal force against protesters during Egypt's 18-day uprising. Some 850 protesters were killed. At left, a poster of one of the killed protesters.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

Said, an activist, wrote on Twitter. Yousry Abdel Razik, a volunteer Mubarak lawyer, said removing cameras would stop crowds of civil rights lawyers jostling for at-

– crowds of Mubarak supporters clashed with detractors there to watch the proceedings on a large-screen television, as on the trial's first day. This time, wit-

charged a liberal activist, Asmaa Mahfouz, 26, with inciting insurrection and insulting the military because of criticism she posted online.

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Bombs tear through 17 Iraqi cities, 63 killed

HAMID AHMED R. SANTANA
Associated Press
BAGHDAD (AP) — A relentless barrage of bombings killed 63 people Monday in the most sweeping and coordinated attack Iraq has seen in over a year, striking 17 cities from northern Sunni areas to the southern Shiite heartland. The surprising scope and sophistication of the bloodbath suggested that al-Qaida remains resilient despite recent signs of weakness. Such attacks, infrequent as they are deadly, will likely continue long after American forces withdraw from the country. "This is our destiny," said Edan Mahdi, one of more than 250 Iraqis wounded Monday. Mahdi was lying in a hospital bed in the southern city of Kut. One of his eyes was closed shut with dried blood, and burns covered his hands and head. While some Iraqis expressed resignation, others voiced fury at security officials and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "Where is the government with all these explosions across the country? Where is al-Maliki? Why doesn't he come to see?" said Ali Jumaa Ziad, a Kut shop owner. Ziad was brushing pieces of human flesh from the floor and off equipment in his shop. The bombs went off on a hot and sunny morning as people were headed to

work. Explosive devices were planted in the vests of suicide attackers, in parked cars, along the sides of roads and even on light poles. No group immediately claimed responsibility, but the simultaneous attacks, the targeting of Shiite civilians and Iraqi security forces and the use of suicide bombers indicated that al-Qaida in Iraq was responsible. That the terror group was able to pull off such an attack, spanning half of Iraq's 18 provinces, came as somewhat of a surprise. A little over a year ago, U.S. and Iraqi officials said the deaths of al-Qaida in Iraq's two top leaders in a raid had dealt a severe blow to the organization. The group has suffered from a drop in funding and just last week was calling on former members to come back to the fold, a sign of the group's diminished status. But time and again, al-Qaida in Iraq has shown an ability to resurrect itself. "Al-Qaida in Iraq has been resting and waiting and is now making itself heard to both disrupt the internal Iraqi political process and send a message to the Americans, which have called al-Qaida in Iraq dead and buried," said Theodore Karasik, a Middle East security expert at the Dubai-based Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis.



Edan Mahdi, 42, is treated at a hospital in Kut after a car bomb in Kut, Iraq, Monday, Aug. 15, 2011. Bomb blasts ripped through more than a dozen Iraqi cities Monday, killing 60 security forces and civilians in the worst attack this year, one that highlighted al-Qaida's resolve and ability to wreak havoc. The bloodbath comes less than two weeks after Iraqi officials said they would be open to a small number of U.S. forces staying in the country past a Dec. 31 withdrawal deadline.

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

Monday's violence came less than two weeks after Iraqi officials said they would discuss with the U.S. whether to have some American forces stay in the country past their Dec. 31 withdrawal deadline. U.S. officials have offered to keep about 10,000 of the 46,000 American soldiers currently here into next year if Iraq agrees. Karasik said the timing may be no coincidence, and that al-Qaida may be using

reverse psychology. Greater violence could lead to calls for the U.S. to extend its military presence, but the terror group knows that the U.S. is very unlikely to resume a full-scale combat mission and that the troop numbers would be too small to make much of a difference. "If the U.S. extends its military presence, al-Qaida in

Iraq can use it as a tool by saying, 'Look, the Americans have reversed their decision to leave and are staying on as occupiers.' They could use this as a justification for more attacks," Karasik said. Joost Hiltermann from the International Crisis Group said such attacks are likely to continue regardless of whether the American forces withdraw because the Sunni population from which al-Qaida in Iraq gets its support still feels threatened by the Shiite-led Iraqi government. "The point is how strong and cohesive the government, the ruling coalition and the security forces are. That is going to determine whether these guys (al-Qaida) have an opportunity or not. You need to dry up their opportunities," Hiltermann said. "The Sunnis are still very unhappy with the Maliki government and the role that they play in it," he added. President Barack Obama's spokesman, Jay Carney, said the White House strongly condemned the bombings, but emphasized that overall violence was down. U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters in Washington that the U.S. remains concerned about terrorist attacks. □

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A name (of a '70s teen idol) can draw a lot of attention

SEAN CASSIDY

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My travel has increased quite a bit since I've become president of DKC. I've always traveled for business, but now it seems as if I'm in an airport all the time, which really doesn't bother me.

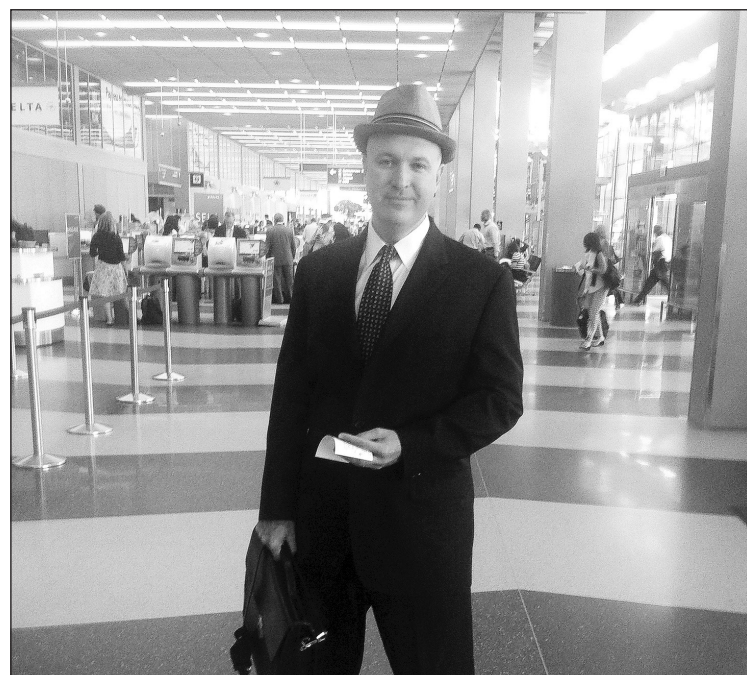
I like airports.

Some of the time spent in airports can actually be kind of amusing since my name, Sean Cassidy, has gotten me a lot of attention when I travel. Shaun Cassidy was a late 1970s teen idol. I wasn't.

What's so interesting to me is that teen idols stay popular about as long as gum keeps its taste. It's kind of weird, but this hasn't been the case with Shaun Cassidy's staying power as a pop culture icon.

Since we are all under a lot more scrutiny when we fly, my name does get some attention from security agents, airline representatives, Canadian customs agents and other passengers.

I'm 43 years old and was 10 years old when Cassidy burst onto the scene, following in the footsteps of his half brother, David Cassidy. Shaun had some hits, like



Sean Cassidy, president of DKC, a public relations and marketing firm in New York, at O'Hare International Airport, in Chicago. Cassidy, who flies often for business, gets a kick out of being at airports, because he shares the same name as 1970s teen heart throb Shaun Cassidy and this strikes up very interesting conversations.

(The New York Times)

"Da Doo Ron Ron"; I can't tell you how many times I've had that song sung to me. It was great when I was in grade school. Not so much now.

Shaun also starred in a short-lived TV show called "The Hardy Boys." People ask me about that, too.

I'm a big Irish guy who shaves his head. Seriously. I don't even remotely look like Shaun Cassidy, even

given the three-decade aging process. He had a lot perfectly coiffed feathered hair. I bet he probably still has hair today. Again, I don't.

This past spring when I was in the security line at O'Hare, a female security agent asked me if I was related to David Cassidy. I told her I had a cousin named David whom I haven't seen in about 30 years, and that

it was a different David. Then I told her she must be about 45 or 46 years old and, of course, she wanted to know how I guessed her age. I told her that women who are 45 or older typically had a crush on David, not Shaun.

Honestly, she asked me what my parents were thinking naming me Sean. I told her my dad named me Sean after John Wayne's character, Sean Thornton, in the film "The Quiet Man." And then I moved on.

About 10 years ago, I was on a flight to Boston going to see a client. I had a window seat in the last row of a fully packed plane. Just as the doors were about to be closed, I heard my name over the P.A. The gate agent had a question about my boarding pass. As I was making my way to the front of the plane, I could hear other passengers muttering things like, "My sister loved him," and "Wasn't he on Broadway?" At least no one said, "What happened to his hair?"

I fly to Toronto every few weeks to meet with a client. Typically, my name is low on the list of concerns for the Canadian border agents. □

Natural hair pat-downs warrant a rethinking

JOE SHARKEY

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Timery Shante Nance is an African-American woman who has a thing about her hair. "I don't use chemicals or straighteners," she said. "It's just my natural texture, and I wear it in a normal-looking puff."

Now she wonders, as some other black women evidently do, whether the Transportation Security Administration also has a thing about their hair. Nance is the second black woman I'm aware of within a month who says she was racially profiled when a TSA officer insisted on publicly patting down her hair after she had gone through a full-body scan without setting off any alarm.

Nance was departing from the airport in San Antonio in late July. After she passed through the body scanner, she said, a female TSA screener told her to stand facing her possessions. "You're good to go, but first I have to pat your hair," the officer told her, she said.

"I'm like, pat my hair? OK, I guess," Nance said. But it wasn't OK. Nance, who had been visiting her husband at the Air Force base where he is stationed, was deeply embarrassed as other passengers stared at her, "as if I'd done something wrong."

She asked the screener why her hair was searched while others, including white women with ponytails or bushy hair, were simply waved through. □

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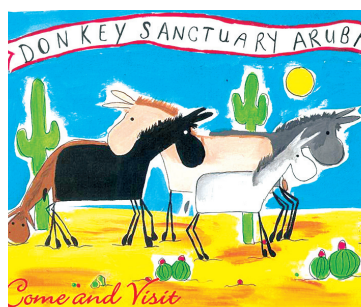
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folkloric music by Arco Iris, dance performance by Masiduri, trio performance by Jacobs Family, poem declaimed by Kathleen Farro, soloist Quincy Hasham and brass band TBS. During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

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EAGLE BEACH - The sailing yacht from Curacao D-Trip with Captain Edwin Versteeg has won the Budget Marine Cup for the most competitive yacht in the Aruba Rembrandt Regatta 2011. They also won the trophies in the 'Round Aruba' race and the racing class. In the cruising class captain Marc Anthony Rooijakker and crew with his yacht Rafaga, and in the open class Eric Mijts and crew won the competition with his yacht Eva Luna. Dozens of boats and hundreds of sportsmen and women competed in the sailing races, swimming competition and beach tennis tournament this weekend.

During this third edition of the event races were sailed for yachts, wind surfers, kite surfers, optimist, sunfish and beach cats. On Friday August 11, the wind and cur-



rent were so strong that only three yachts were able to complete the 'Round Aruba' race. The conditions on Saturday August 12 and on Sunday 13 were more favorable, and the sailing races were a spectacular sight. The races for Sunday

afternoon had to be cancelled because a sailor from a beach cat was lost at sea. From the moment it was known that a sailor was missing, a rescue operation was organized with the participation of the yachts, some fishing boats,

the coast guard and the Aruban police. 45 minutes after the start of the rescue operation the sailor was found by sailing yacht D-Trip, at a distance of about 4 miles from the west coast of Aruba.

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Eman pleased with tight competition in XPS

RICHMOND, Va. - Few would argue that Extreme Pro Stock is one of the most competitive fields in all of drag racing, and the teams that compete in XPS know that all too well. Trevor Eman and the Aruba.com Team are part of the competition that makes the class so tough. At the ADRL Speedtech U.S. Drags, the competitiveness of the class even bit a few of the top running teams, putting them out early and shaking things up.

Eman landed his best qualifying effort so far in 2011 with a 4.104 at 175.11 to place him fifth. The tight 16 car field was separated by less than six hundredths, making it anyone's race in eliminations. The Aruba.com Team team had high hopes for race day but was disappointed when the car fell off the pace in round one against Bert Jackson. Jackson and Eman were nearly identical on the tree, but Eman's 4.158 was edged out by Jackson's 4.142.

"I'm proud of our team for their hard work this weekend," told Eman. "We had our best qualifying effort so far this year. We were certainly expecting to go a couple of rounds after that, but things didn't work out for us. I know our day in the winner's circle is coming soon. We just have to keep working at it. "I'd like to compliment the ADRL for getting the race in completely, despite the weather that scared everybody. Despite that, and even some mishaps on the track, they were able to keep everything flowing to give the crowd a good show. They also did a great job with the racing surface, as they always do. My hat is off to the ADRL team. "I think this weekend was some of the best racing I have ever seen in XPS. First of all, the field was really tight, and everybody was making good runs down the track. It's amazing that despite the Pro Stock racers having different chassis setups, different motor tune ups, different clutches and transmission combina-



tions and also different driving habits, the field was a 0.058 seconds difference between number 1 and 16 qualifiers. If that isn't one of the most competitive fields in all of drag racing's different classes, then I don't know what is. It's definitely an awesome class to race, and certainly will give a lot of satisfaction when to win one. I am looking forward to that day for our Aruba.com team!"□

At Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts

Wisconsin couple marries in a sunset ceremony

EAGLE BEACH - Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts helped create an intimate beach ceremony for David Schoonover and Rebecca McCluskey from Delafield, Wisconsin. The couple officially married in Oranjestad's historic Civil House and had their union blessed by Reverend Robert Gibson under a romantic wedding arch, decorated with flowing white fabric, on the powder white sand at Bucuti's beach.

David, a director of sales,



is originally from Janesville, Wisconsin and Rebecca, a manager of a rehabilitation facility, is originally from Arlington Heights, Illinois. The couple met on a blind date and got engaged at their favorite stateside hotel, the Elysian in Chicago. Their love was unmistakable during their beach ceremony, as they smiled and kissed endlessly from beginning to end. Aruba was chosen as their wedding destination for its "favorable weather, and lack of hurricane con-

cerns". "We chose Bucuti because it is small, adults-only and had an excellent reputation for weddings," added the newlyweds. "We love everything about Aruba and Bucuti and plan to return annually. We have fallen in love with the destination and wish to thank the resort and the Civil House for a perfect wedding day," expressed Becky and Dave.

The newlyweds enjoyed their honeymoon in one of Bucuti's luxurious Tara Beach Suites.□

For staffers of Fishes & More and Hadicurari Restaurant

Arion extols the virtues of four of its wines



HADICURARI - A nice group of interested staffers of two of Aruba's great restaurants, Hadicurari and Fishes & More, attended a special wine tasting at which four different Californian wines were introduced. These wines will be featured at both restaurants during the upcoming six weeks. The interesting tasting was guid-

ed by vinologist Govert van der Hout of the Arion Wine Company.

The first sip of the day was a Tamas Estates Pinot Grigio 'Hop on the Bus' to get a taste of a multinational glass of Pinot Grigio. Aged in stainless steel tanks, it maintains its crisp, fruity character. It is a wine which pairs well with a wide vari-

ety of dishes.

Wente Vineyards 'Louis Mel' Sauvignon Blanc from Livermore Valley San Francisco Bay was next. There is a story attached to this fine wine: Louis Mel was the French immigrant who brought the Sauvignon Blanc cuttings from the Bordeaux region to the US. He and his cuttings found

a good home in Livermore Valley California, producing a wine with a great crisp acidity and flavors of honeydew melon, pineapple. This Sauvignon Blanc has a refreshing finish.

As the characteristics of the two previous wines were discussed, Mr. van der Hout poured a Wente Vineyards 'Morning Fog' Chardonnay

from Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay. The 'Morning Fog' refers to the mist that blows inland through the Golden Gate Bridge into the bowl of the San Francisco Bay; this mist is essential for the grapes in the valley. The Morning Fog Chardonnay is a great wine, which has aged in oak barrels as well as in stainless steel barrels, offering aromas of green apple, tropical fruits balanced by subtle oak, cinnamon, and vanilla from the barrel aging. Last, but certainly not least, the Wente Vineyards 'Southern Hills' Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, was tasted. It is a wonderful, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, which has aged for 14 months in a combination of French and Eastern European oak barrels, giving the wine flavors of cherry, dark plum, and a hint of coffee.

And then it was time for work for the group, who left more knowledgeable than they came. They not only learned about the four excellent Californian wines that will be on special, but they are also up to speed about corked wines, real corks and twist caps. Quiz them when you are dining at Hadicurari, which is located between the Marriott Ocean Club and the Holiday Inn Resort, or at Fishes & More in the Arawak Garden! □



Regatta

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The races for the optimist sailors, the youngest participants, were won by Dominique Hopman. In the Sunfish class Job Laborie was the fastest competitor, the beach cat competition was won by the duo Martin and Nicole van de Velde. Young surfers Milan de Jonge and Berend Pronk took the prizes in the wind surfing competition and the kite surf competition was won by Petr Pechacek. Eric Mijts, the organizer of the regatta event, is satisfied about the number of participants, the effort of all volunteers and sponsors of the regatta and the successful cooperation with Aruba Beach Tennis. As of this year the whole event has taken place at Eagle Beach which has proven to be a successful change in the planning. The closing dinner that was offered by Café Rembrandt was at-



tended by about 400 people. The most important aspect of this year's regatta is the fact that on Sunday afternoon authorities, participants and the organization have succeeded in finding the missing sailor. □

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State of the game: He's down, not out

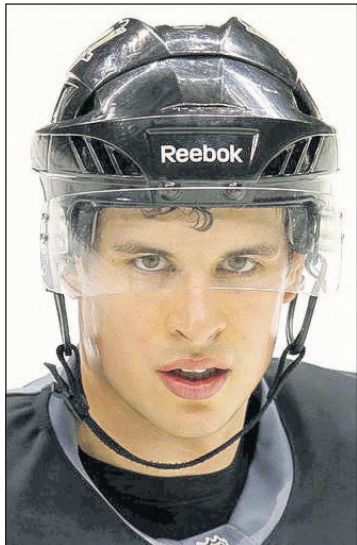
Tiger Woods reacts after hitting out of a bunker on the fifth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga. Woods bogeyed the par 5.

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In this May 2, 2011 file photo, Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway gestures during an interview, in Omaha, Neb.

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Penguins still playing waiting game with Crosby
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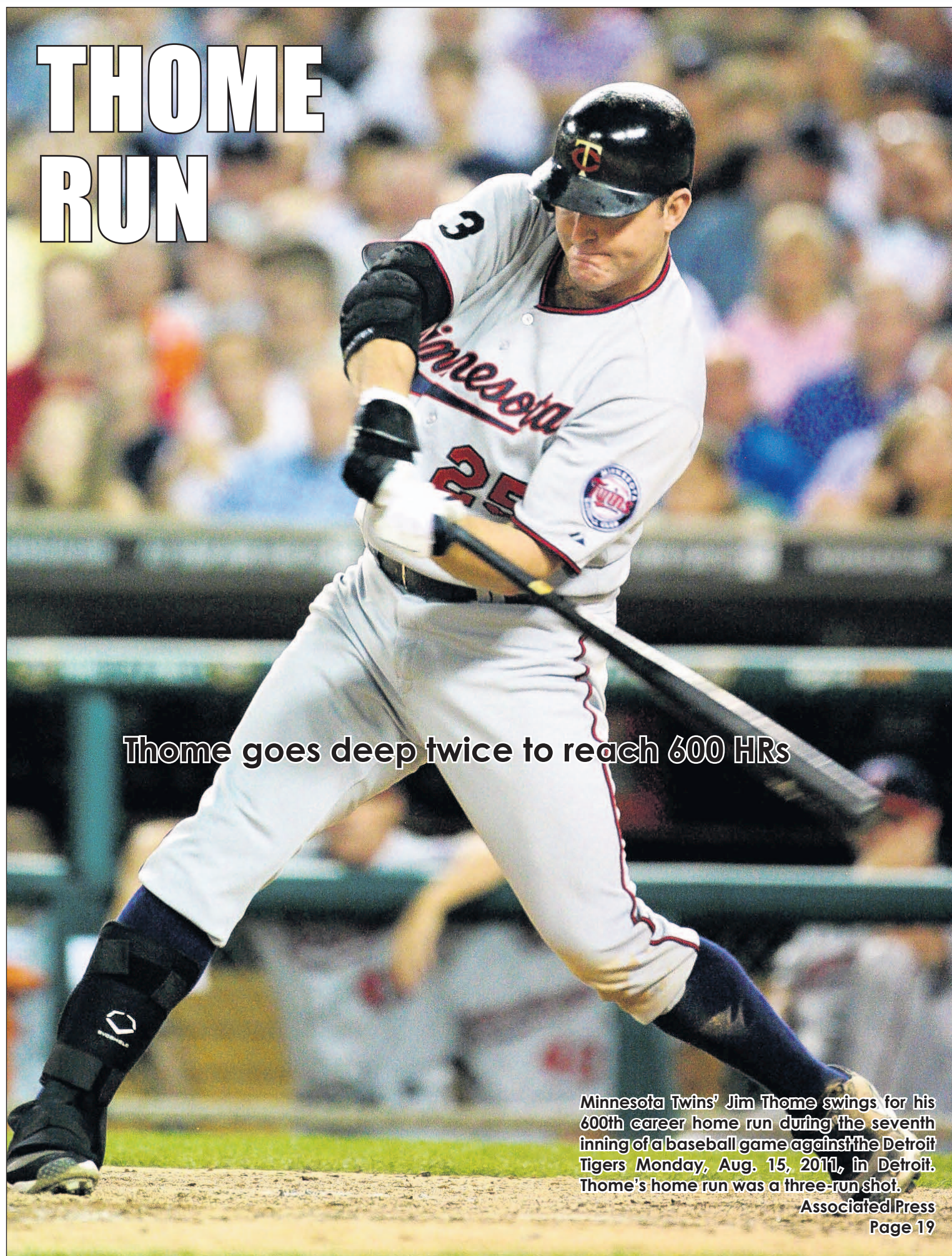
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins have no plans to rush star Sidney Crosby back to the ice. General manager Ray Shero said Monday that Crosby is still dealing with concussion-like symptoms and it's too soon to know if he will be available when the Penguins open training camp next month.

"There's no expectation from me that he won't be ready or he will be ready," Shero said.

Crosby hasn't played in a game since Jan. 5, missing the rest of the regular season and Pittsburgh's first-round NHL playoff loss to Tampa Bay as he slowly recovered from a concussion. He said in April he would be back for training camp, but with about a month to go before the start, Shero wouldn't guarantee that he'll be there.

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THOME RUN

Thome goes deep twice to reach 600 HRs

Minnesota Twins' Jim Thome swings for his 600th career home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, in Detroit. Thome's home run was a three-run shot.

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Sailors rave about new America's Cup World Series

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Two of the biggest names in the America's Cup say sailing's marquee event has hit a home run with fast catamarans and a World Series.

Software tycoon Larry Ellison, whose Oracle Racing reclaimed the oldest trophy in international sports for the United States last year, and Paul Cayard, a

veteran of the America's Cup, Olympics and round-the-world racing, raved about the new format following the first stop of the America's Cup World Series in Cascais, Portugal.

Ellison, the CEO of Oracle Corp., pushed for big changes to make the stodgy old regatta more fan-friendly after his giant trimaran swept two races from Alinghi of Switzerland

Sport Briefs

Serena Williams surges to No. 31

Her game growing stronger as the U.S. Open nears, Serena Williams soared from No. 80 to No. 31 in the WTA rankings following her victory in the Rogers Cup.

Williams has won her last two tournaments, the other title coming at the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, California, two weeks ago. She has played in four tournaments since her return.

She beat Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday in Toronto, the latest step in a comeback from injury and illness that sidelined her 49 weeks. The U.S. Open starts Aug. 29.

Caroline Wozniacki is No. 1 in Monday's rankings, followed by Vera Zvonareva, Kim Clijsters, Victoria Azarenka and Li Na. Zvonareva advanced one spot.



The top five men held their rankings: Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Robin Soderling.

Bolt to miss Weltklasse

ZURICH (AP) — Usain Bolt is skipping the Weltklasse Diamond League meeting on Sept. 8, four days after the World Championships finish in Daegu, South Korea.

Weltklasse organizers say Bolt is unable to compete in their 100 meters race "due to a particularly strenuous schedule" at the worlds.

Bolt is scheduled to defend his 100 and 200 titles in Daegu, and Jamaica's 4x100 relay gold medal.

Asafa Powell and Walter Dix are set to head the 100 lineup at Zurich, which stages the first half of the Diamond League finals program.

Bolt is expected to run the 200 when Brussels hosts the second half eight days later.

Weltklasse organizers say 14 individual Olympic champions and 16 world champions are scheduled to compete at their meeting.



Oracle Racing 4 AC45, left, from the US, and Artemis Racing AC45, from Sweden, sail during the first day of racing at the America's Cup World Series Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 in Cascais, near Lisbon. The event is a pre-cursor to the 2013 America's Cup in San Francisco and nine teams will race in the new AC45 sailing boats, the forerunner to the 72-foot catamarans that will be used in San Francisco.

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in February 2010 in Valencia, Spain. On Sunday, Ellison rode along on skipper Jimmy Spithill's 45-foot catamaran in the nine-boat, winner-take-all ACWS final, which went to Dean Barker and Emirates Team New Zealand.

"We're very excited that these boats go as fast as they do and can be pushed to such extremes by these great sailors who are driving them," Ellison said. "I think we made the right decision. It's extreme sailing. Something the kids can get excited about, TV viewers can get excited about and even old monohull sailors like me can get excited about."

The switch from plodding monohulls to the fast cats upset many sailing traditionalists.

Cayard, an American who is CEO of Sweden's Artemis Racing, said it's hard to argue with the results of the first ACWS regatta.

"For those who thought catamaran racing would be dull and boring, this past week has been a wakeup call," Cayard wrote in his blog. "In yesterday's only and final race, there were three lead changes, the top boat speed was 24

knots, the course had six legs, and the race took 40 minutes and was within .5 miles of the shore. Everything that had been promised was delivered."

On Saturday, Spithill, the winning skipper in the 2010 America's Cup, swept Barker in two races to win the match-racing title. Cayard called it "classic match racing with the competitors even tacking on each other at upwind speeds of 15 knots."

The wet-and-wild 45-foot cats clearly are the stars of the new America's Cup. Powered by wing sails, they are so cutting edge that crewmen wear crash helmets and padded vests. There had been several capsize in the months leading up to the ACWS, including one by Oracle Racing CEO Russell Coutts, a four-time America's Cup winner, on San Francisco Bay in June. Coutts was thrown through the wing sail and into the chilly water, and another crewman was slightly injured in that flip.

There weren't any capsize in Cascais, but there was one man overboard and one crash, when Coutts collided with the Kiwis.

The 45-footers will be used this year and next. In 2013, the Louis Vuitton Cup for challengers and the America's Cup match will be sailed in 72-footers on San Francisco Bay.

Ellison has sailed the past several years in the RC44 class, a 44-foot boat co-designed by Coutts.

"That, up until these boats, was the most fun I ever had sailing," Ellison said. "Now the RC44 seems like old technology."

Barker and Team New Zealand showed they are still a force by winning the final fleet race and finishing second in match racing. Team New Zealand won the America's Cup in 1995 and 2000 with Coutts as skipper. With Barker as skipper in 2003, the Kiwis lost the Auld Mug to Alinghi after Coutts and a handful of his top crewmen jumped ship to the Swiss team. Coutts had a falling out with Alinghi boss Ernesto Bertarelli and was forced to sit out the America's Cup in 2007, when Alinghi beat the Kiwis.

Artemis Racing, skippered by American Terry Hutchinson, finished third in match racing and second in the final fleet race.



Thome's 600th homer highlights Twins win

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Jim Thome hit his 600th home run an inning after he hit No. 599 to help the Minnesota Twins outslug the Detroit Tigers 9-6 on Monday night.

Thome became the eighth major league player to reach 600, hitting a three-run shot off Daniel Schlereth in the seventh inning to give Minnesota a 9-5 lead.

An inning earlier, Thome reached 599 with a two-run homer off Rick Porcello (11-8) that broke a 3-all tie.

Thome received a standing ovation from the Detroit crowd as he rounded the bases after his milestone homer.

His achievement overshadowed a solo shot in the first inning by Detroit's Delmon Young, who had been traded from the Twins to the Tigers earlier Monday.

Francisco Liriano (8-9) allowed five runs in six innings. Joe Nathan earned his 10th

save.

Both of Thome's homers were hit to the opposite field.

When No. 600 cleared the fence in left, Thome raised his right fist as he went around first base, and the crowd in Detroit came to its feet to applaud him.

The Tigers posted a congratulatory message on the scoreboard, and the Twins came out of the dugout to greet him at home plate.

Before Monday's game, Thome hadn't homered since Aug. 4.

Thome's accomplishment capped a memorable day for these AL Central rivals. During the afternoon, the Twins traded Young to the Tigers for a minor league pitcher and a player to be named.

Young homered in his first at-bat for Detroit, and Alex Avila finished a homer shy of the cycle, but the Tigers couldn't overcome an uneven performance on the

mound and in the field.

They couldn't handle Thome, either.

After Jason Kubel started the sixth with a single, Thome hit a drive off Porcello an estimated 412 feet over the fence in left-center.

Ben Revere added an RBI triple later in the inning — and was thrown out trying for an inside-the-park homer.

Avila hit an RBI triple in the bottom half, then scored on a sacrifice fly, but Thome was just getting started.

Schlereth walked two hitters and struck out two before Thome came to the plate. He took another big cut with his powerful left-handed swing and sent a towering fly to left.

For a moment, it appeared Young might have a chance to make a play on the ball, but he could only watch as his former teammate's hit disappeared over the fence. □



Minnesota Twins' Jim Thome watches his 600th career home run in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, in Detroit. The home run was a three-run shot.

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The 24-year-old Crosby has spent the summer in his native Canada working out on his own. He will undergo a thorough evaluation before he's cleared to participate in regular drills.

"He won't be pushed to come back," Shero said. Though Shero acknowledged Crosby has dealt with lingering symptoms "off and on" over the summer, they have not prevented him from continuing his workout program.

Coach Dan Bylsma doesn't think the team will need to treat Crosby lightly whenever he returns. Bylsma also doesn't anticipate holding Crosby out of the preseason if his superstar has been cleared by doctors.

"I don't think when Sidney Crosby is healthy and ready to go, he's not going to shy away from contact, nor is he going to shy away from competition," Bylsma said.

"It would take quite a bit to keep him out of getting ready for the start of the regular season."

The former NHL Most Valu-

able Player was in the midst of a stellar season before the injury, amassing 66 points (32 goals, 34 assists) in 41 games. He sustained hits in consecutive games in early January before being diagnosed with the concussion. He considered returning during the playoffs before a series of setbacks kept him off the ice.

Shero senses Crosby's frustration and doesn't want to set an arbitrary deadline for his return.

"I want him to feel good about himself," Shero said. "He'll be back at some point to play hockey." □

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Those who know Woods' game: He's down, not out

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JOHNS CREEK, Georgia

(AP) — The kid standing behind 15-year-old Tiger Woods on the tee at Torrey Pines was two years older and already a hotshot himself on Southern California's rough-and-tumble amateur golf circuit the first time he saw the look.

Chris Riley had played the skinny teenager with the growing reputation a dozen times before. This time, he was 2-up with seven holes to play in the prestigious Junior World Championship.

"We were at No. 12, a long par 4 and I'd already hit mine 260 yards. He smoked his 310, straight down the middle, then turned around and shot me this little smile. He was just fearless," Riley recalled some 20 years later. "He already knew he had me."

Riley first met Woods when he was 10. He beat him to



the pro tour in 1996 by a few months. Soon enough, though, every other player on the PGA Tour knew exactly what that look meant. Mired in the second year of the deepest slump of his

career, Woods didn't scare anyone at last week's PGA Championship. He looked lost, not fearless.

Not many superstars in the world of sports and entertainment have fallen

so far so fast. Woods was knocked off his throne by a self-inflicted sex scandal that erupted at Thanksgiving in 2009 and cost him his marriage. He was quickly — and unceremoniously — dumped by sponsors and humiliated by the same TV shows and newspapers that once begged for interviews.

Woods went into exile, finally returning to golf in April 2010 at the Masters with a fourth-place finish. He has been steadily losing ground in the golf rankings ever since.

Some believe he will never be that indomitable player again; others, including a few who know Woods better, say it's crazy to count him out.

"He's always been the best. His dad drilled that into him," Riley said, "But this has got to be the lowest point of his career. Nobody has ever seen him do the stuff he's doing now. It hurts to see it. Honestly, I don't know that he's ever had to struggle."

"But I guarantee you this: He'll be back on top. And when he is," Riley paused, "it's going to be that much sweeter."

Speculation about Woods' erratic play the past two seasons zeroed in on his psyche initially. From there, the blame shifted onto his work-in-progress swing and then the very real problem

with his legs.

"He was the most mentally and emotionally tough athlete of all time, so here's the question I'm interested in," said sports psychologist Gregg Steinberg, who was a swing instructor earlier in his career. "Why did Tiger play last week if any or all of those problems were bothering him, or if — as the results suggest — he knew he wasn't ready?"

"Maybe he thought he could catch lightning in a bottle. That's one guess. The other would be he wanted to measure himself. ... The secret to being great is self-awareness and so whether that was his intention or not," Steinberg added, "he definitely knows now that he needs a good butt-kicking."

Last week marked only the third time Woods missed the cut in a major as a professional. It happened at the 2006 U.S. Open — shortly after the death of his father, Earl — and the British Open two years ago. More troubling still might have been Woods' demeanor over his final few holes.

As shots veered left or right of the fairway, and occasionally into a bunker, pond or the Georgia pines lining both sides, Woods tracked their flight with a deflated expression or simply dropped his head into his chest. Absent were the trademark temper tantrums and even a hint of the joyful explosions that once rocketed Woods up the leaderboard at every one of the game's biggest events. "Golf is as much art as it is technical, and that's where his genius was. He always had this spirit, this belief he could find a way to do anything he could dream up," said Rudy Duran, who began tutoring Tiger at age 4, about the time Earl Woods had exhausted his own teaching repertoire. "I ran into him one afternoon at Heartwell (Golf Course in Long Beach, California, an 18-hole executive course that became Woods' playground) and he was standing in a bunker surrounded by 50 balls. □"

Leipheimer defends Tour of Utah title; Henao 2nd

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AP Sports Writer

SNOWBIRD, Utah (AP) —

Levi Leipheimer successfully defended his Tour of Utah title Sunday, locking onto Colombian Sergio Henao's back wheel on the final climb up Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Henao took the final stage from Park City to Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort and finished second overall, while Leipheimer's Radioshack teammate, Janez Brajkovic of Slovenia, took third.

Leipheimer grabbed the overall lead after four days of racing and just needed to hang close to Henao on the final 6-mile (9.6-kilometer), 3,000-foot (914-meter) vertical climb.

It helped that Leipheimer, who had a disappointing Tour de France after winning the Tour of Switzerland in June, had a 23-second advantage over the Colombian coming into the final day.



Sergio Luis Henao, right, of Colombia, and riding for Gobernacion Indeportes Antioquia, wins the final stage Five of the Tour of Utah ahead of Levi Leipheimer, left, of Team Radioshack, at Snowbird, Utah, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

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"It was vicious out there," said Leipheimer, who is from Montana but attended in college in Utah.

"One moment Janez and I (were battling) five or six of them. It was a little daunt-

ing out there."

Henao's team, Gobernacion Indeportes Antioquia, was a late invite to the upgraded Tour of Utah this year and showed its merit. □



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Australian Marcos Ambrose wins at Watkins Glen

JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, New York

(AP) — Australian Marcos Ambrose won the Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen International in a two-lap dash to the finish Monday for his first victory in NAS-CAR's top series.

Ambrose beat Brad Keselowski and Kyle Busch on a green-white-checked finish to atone for a slip-up a year ago on the road course at Sonoma, California, when he stalled his car under caution while leading with six laps to go and ended up sixth.

"It's a dream come true," said Ambrose, who drives the No. 9 Ford for Richard Petty Motorsports. "I've tried for 2½ years."

It was the Australian's first win in 105 Sprint Cup starts. It was also Ford's first victory on a road course since Geoff Bodine won in Watkins Glen in 1996.

Ambrose signed a multi-year deal with struggling RPM a year ago to drive the No. 9 this season. That capped a tumultuous summer in which he opted to leave the No. 47 at JTG Daugherty Racing with one year left on his contract, even though he knew he was taking a big risk in difficult economic times.

"There were days, weeks when I was anxious," Ambrose said. "There were times I was sitting around the boardroom table and there was nobody else there. But you've got to roll

the dice sometimes."

Busch, trying to win for a second time from the pole at Watkins Glen, led the field to the green flag for the final two laps.

But Keselowski, racing with a broken left ankle and trying for his second straight win and third of the season, drove from third to the lead entering the first turn with Ambrose following.

"Those guys didn't care to give me any room," Busch said. "There's only one corner you've got to make, and as soon as you make it through that corner and can keep everybody behind, it's smooth sailing from there."

Ambrose then closed on Keselowski in the chicane and passed him for the lead before the final lap.

"I wanted to win," said Keselowski. "We had a shot at it, and that's all you can ask as a driver."

The race ended with a caution as David Reutimann and David Ragan crashed entering the second turn, with Ragan slamming head-on into the guard rail and Reutimann's car bouncing hard off the barrier and sliding upside down across the track.

Busch finished third, and Martin Truex Jr. and Joey Logano rounded out the top five.

Kevin Harvick was sixth, followed by Juan Pablo Montoya, AJ Allmendinger, Jeff Burton and Jimmie Johnson.

Kurt Busch, who won at

Sonoma in June, crashed early and finished 38th. He wasn't alone: Denny Hamlin also crashed and ended up 36th; five-time Watkins Glen winner Tony Stewart, running up front all race, was taken out on the final lap in the chicane and finished 27th; and Paul Menard wrecked on the 86th lap and finished 32nd.

Ambrose used a conservative pit strategy all day despite threatening weather — the race was postponed by rain Sunday and more was in the forecast on Monday. He passed Truex for third on turn one of lap 73 and moved up to the bumper of Keselowski.

He then outbraked Keselowski going into the 90-degree first turn on lap 76 and set his sights on Busch.

Ambrose moved within three car lengths on lap 80 as the two encountered lapped traffic and closed to Busch's back bumper in the chicane with eight laps to go.

Menard then blew out a tire and crashed on lap 86, bringing out the final caution.

That set up the frantic dash to the finish of what turned into a 92-lap race and spoiled the day for Kyle Busch, who had led much of the race.

"The last couple of laps I was getting away from him," Busch said. "The last thing I wanted to see was a caution — knew it was going to come down to one corner and I messed up." □



Marcos Ambrose, left, of Australia, celebrates the win with a crew member in Victory Lane after the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, N.Y., Monday, Aug. 15, 2011.

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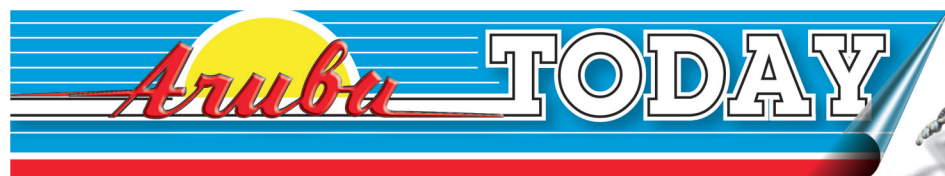
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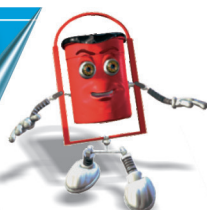
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Autism risks for siblings are higher than thought

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AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study suggests nearly one in five children with an autistic older sibling will develop the disorder too — a rate much higher than previously thought.

Researchers followed 664 infants who had at least one older brother or sister with autism. Overall, 132 infants or about 19 percent ended up with an autism diagnosis, too, by their third birthdays. Previous smaller or less diverse studies reported a prevalence of between 3 percent and 14 percent. "We were all a bit surprised and taken aback about how high it is," said lead author Sally Ozonoff, a psychiatry and behavioral sciences professor with the Mind Institute at the University of California at Davis. The highest rates were in infants who had at least two older siblings with autism — 32 percent of them also developed autism. Also, among boys with au-



Kathleen Lanese of Kings Park, N.Y., with her two autistic sons Kevin, 10, left, and Brendan, 14, at her sister-in-law's home on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, in Oyster Bay, N.Y. Lanese says having one son with autism didn't make her think twice about trying to have another child, even though she knew there was a chance the second would be affected, too.

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tistic siblings — 26 percent developed autism versus 9 percent of girls. Autism is already known to be more common in boys.

The study involved 12 U.S. and Canadian sites and was published online Monday in *Pediatrics*. Earlier studies were more local or involved fewer sites.

Ozonoff said parents of au-

tistic children often ask her, "How likely am I to have another child" with autism? She said her study provides a more up-to-date answer. However, Ozonoff noted that 80 percent of siblings studied did not develop autism, and that the prevalence rate was an average. It may be different for each family, depending on other

risk factors they may face. Autism has no known cause but experts believe that genetics and external influences are involved. Research is examining whether these could include infections, pollution and other non-inherited problems. Ozonoff noted that siblings often are exposed to similar outside influences, which could partly explain the study results.

Infants in the study were enrolled before they showed any signs of autism, such as poor eye contact and little social interaction.

The study is an important addition to autism research and "has critical implications for families who are deciding whether they'll have another child," said Catherine Lord, director of the Institute for Brain Development at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Lord was not involved in the study.

Kathleen Lanese of New York says having one son with autism didn't make her

think twice about trying to have another child, even though she knew there was a chance the second would be affected, too.

"We wanted another child and we were going to take whoever we got," said Lanese, who was not involved in the study. Still, when her younger son was a baby, she says she "watched him like a hawk" for autism signs. He was diagnosed with autism at 16 months, earlier than her older boy.

Ozonoff said the study should prompt families and their children's doctors to be vigilant with infants whose older siblings have autism. Early diagnosis is important because experts say behavioral treatment has the best chance of working if started early.

"Pediatricians need to listen and make a very focused plan for how to monitor those things, rather than taking a wait-and-see attitude" toward children with autistic siblings, Ozonoff said. □

In decline, stillbirths continue to devastate

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I had been in active labor for 12 hours when my obstetrician said he would have to do a Caesarean because Twin A was stuck and neither twin could emerge naturally. Terrified of losing either baby, I responded, "I don't care if I cough them up, just get them out alive!"

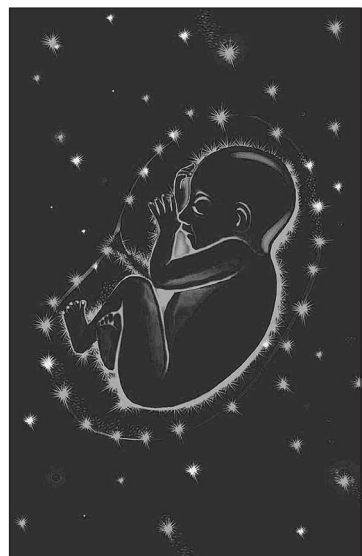
Which, thankfully, he did — almost 42 years ago.

Alas, not every woman is so lucky. Even with the highly advanced technology now available to monitor the unborn, each year 27,000 fetuses that pass the 20th week of gestation and 13,000 that reach the 28th week or beyond are born dead. One in every 200 pregnant women who gets to 22 weeks of gestation will have a stillborn baby.

It often is a devastating experience.

"As soon as they learn they are pregnant, most women consider their unborn baby their child, and for many a

stillbirth is like the death of a child," said Dr. Robert Goldenberg, an obstetrician-gy-



Even with advanced technology to monitor the unborn, each year 27,000 fetuses that pass the 20th week of gestation and 13,000 that reach the 28th week or beyond are born dead. (Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

necologist at Drexel University College of Medicine. Although stillbirths have

declined sharply since the 1940s, they remain very much with us, and not just among women who are poor or poorly educated or lack access to good medical care. Even under the best of circumstances, sometimes babies just don't make it. And, as Dr. Zoe Mullan and Dr. Richard Horton wrote recently in the British medical journal *The Lancet*, "The grief of a stillbirth is unlike any other form of grief: the months of excitement and expectation, planning, eager questions and the drama of labor — all magnifying the devastating incomprehension of giving birth to a baby bearing no signs of life."

With financing primarily from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the journal has published online a major series of reports on the global problem of stillbirths, more than 2.6 million of which occur each year. Although all but 2 percent take place in low- and middle-income countries,

"stillbirths also continue to blight wealthy nations, with around one in every 320 babies stillborn in high-income countries," *Lancet* editors noted.

Yet society does little to acknowledge these losses, and friends and relatives tend to avoid talking about them. Calling stillbirth "one of the last taboos — the death of a baby before birth somehow considered not to count," Janet Scott of the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity in London wrote that "in high-income countries, although infant mortality rates have dropped, stillbirth rates have not changed in more than a decade."

MANY CAUSES ARE KNOWN Adding to parental devastation is the usual mystery of why a stillbirth occurred. In only about 40 percent of stillbirths is there an explanation, according to Goldenberg, an author of the *Lancet* series.

Yet, he said in an interview, "when a careful autopsy

is performed of both the baby and placenta and the baby's chromosomes are examined, we can find an explanation 80 to 85 percent of the time."

Goldenberg added, "Many of the tests that could clarify why a baby died are not done because the doctor and family feel badly, because the parents believe the baby has suffered enough and don't want it disturbed any further, or because the hospital gets no extra payment for an autopsy." Still, there are a number of known causes, some of which have increased in recent years. In the *Lancet* report, Australian and British researchers listed maternal overweight and obesity as the most important preventable risk factor in high-income countries, accounting for up to 18 percent of stillbirths. Second and third, the authors wrote, are maternal age over 35 and smoking during pregnancy, the latter being more common among the poor. □

City ready for renewed protests after cyber attack

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

San Francisco's mass transit system prepared for renewed protests Monday, a day after hackers angry over blocked cell phone service at some transit stations broke into a website and posted company contact information for more than 2,000 customers.

The action by a hacker group known as Anonymous was the latest showdown between anarchists angry at perceived attempts to limit free speech and officials trying to control protests that grow out of social networking and have the potential to become violent.

Anonymous posted people's names, phone numbers, and street and email addresses on its own website, while also calling for a disruption of the Bay Area Rapid Transit's evening commute Monday.

BART officials said Sunday that they were working a strategy to try to block any efforts by protesters to try to disrupt the service. Spokesman Jim Allison said BART police will be staffing stations and trains and that the agency had already contacted San Francisco police.

The transit agency disabled the website, myBART.org, Sunday night after it also had been altered by apparent hackers who posted images of the so-called Guy Fawkes masks that anarchists have previously worn when showing up to physical protests.

The cyber attack came in response to the BART's decision to block wireless service in several of its San Francisco stations Thursday night as the agency aimed to thwart a planned protest over a transit police shooting. Officials said the protest had been designed to disrupt the evening commute.



This screen shot taken from myBART.org shows a page from the website after it was hacked by the hacker's group Anonymous on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

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The BART computer problem was the latest hack the loosely organized group claimed credit for this year. Last month, the FBI and British and Dutch officials made 21 arrests, many of them related to the group's attacks on Internet payment provider PayPal Inc., which has been targeted over its refusal to process

donations to WikiLeaks. The group also claims credit for disrupting the websites of Visa and MasterCard in December when the credit card companies stopped processing donations to WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange.

BART's decision to shut down wireless access was criticized by many as heavy

handed, and some raised questions about whether the move violated free speech.

The problems began Thursday night when BART officials blocked wireless access to disrupt organization of a demonstration protesting the July 3 shooting death by BART police who said the 45-year-old victim was wielding a knife.

Activists also remain upset by the 2009 death of Oscar Grant, an unarmed black passenger who was shot by a white officer on an Oakland train platform. The officer quit the force and was convicted of involuntary manslaughter after the shooting.

Facing backlash from civil rights advocates and one of its own board members, BART has defended the decision to block cell phone use, with Allison saying the cell phone disruptions were legal because the agency owns the property and infrastructure. □

Concert experiments with all-mobile ticketing

By REETU RUPAL
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NEW YORK (AP) —

A recent concert featuring the dance duo LMFAO and rapper/producer Swizz Beatz seemed like a typical summer concert. But the fans who attended were actually taking part in an experiment in mobile ticketing.

The Billboard Summer Blow-out party was billed as the first event for which every ticket distributed was done via mobile phones. Joshua Dziabiak, founder of ShowClix, the company behind the service, said the new MMS ticketing system was the first of its kind to be used in the United States and hopes the system will revolutionize the way ticketing works.

"It's the ability to have your event tickets delivered to your mobile device without having to print anything out," he said before Thurs-

day's free concert. "It's a lot easier for patrons to remember their tickets."

ShowClix has been making mobile ticketing available for concerts for the past three years. When someone buys tickets for an event, instead of getting paper tickets, the purchaser has it sent to their mobile phone via a text message. Once they turn up to the venue and show their phone, another device is used to scan it.

The ecological benefits of the system are a big draw for brands looking to be more eco-friendly. In addition, without having to print paper tickets, the cost to the promoter is less, said Dziabiak, adding that the marketing potential is also endless.

Redfoo of the chart-topping LMFAO supports the new system.

"My cell phone is my favorite device that I have, so

the fact that people are using this MMS technology to let people know where the concert is the day before is fun.

"I'm all for anything like that," he said.

"Whether it's Twitter, YouTube, or an AP (Associated Press) on your phone, that's what the exciting thing about this whole movement is, we are so close to the fans. It's just really rewarding that way. ... This definitely is the future," added the "Party Rock Anthem" singer.

Gary Bongiovanni, editor in chief of the touring trade publication Pollstar, said increasingly venues are providing other options than the traditional printed tickets.

"Whether it's paperless tickets or print-at-home technology, instead of the guy ripping tickets at the door, he's sitting there with a hand scanner, and that



In this June 22, 2011 file photo, Redfoo, left, and SkyBlu, from the music group LMFAO, pose for a portrait in Los Angeles.

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technology seems to get deployed at a fairly rapid rate," he said. "It's not out there everywhere yet, but I can see much more of that."

He cautioned that an event that sold tickets only via mobile phone had the potential to be exclusionary. However, he noted that most people have a cell phone, and they are "just an extension of their hand." He also added that it allows

the seller to have a great deal of information about the fan, which these days is often invaluable.

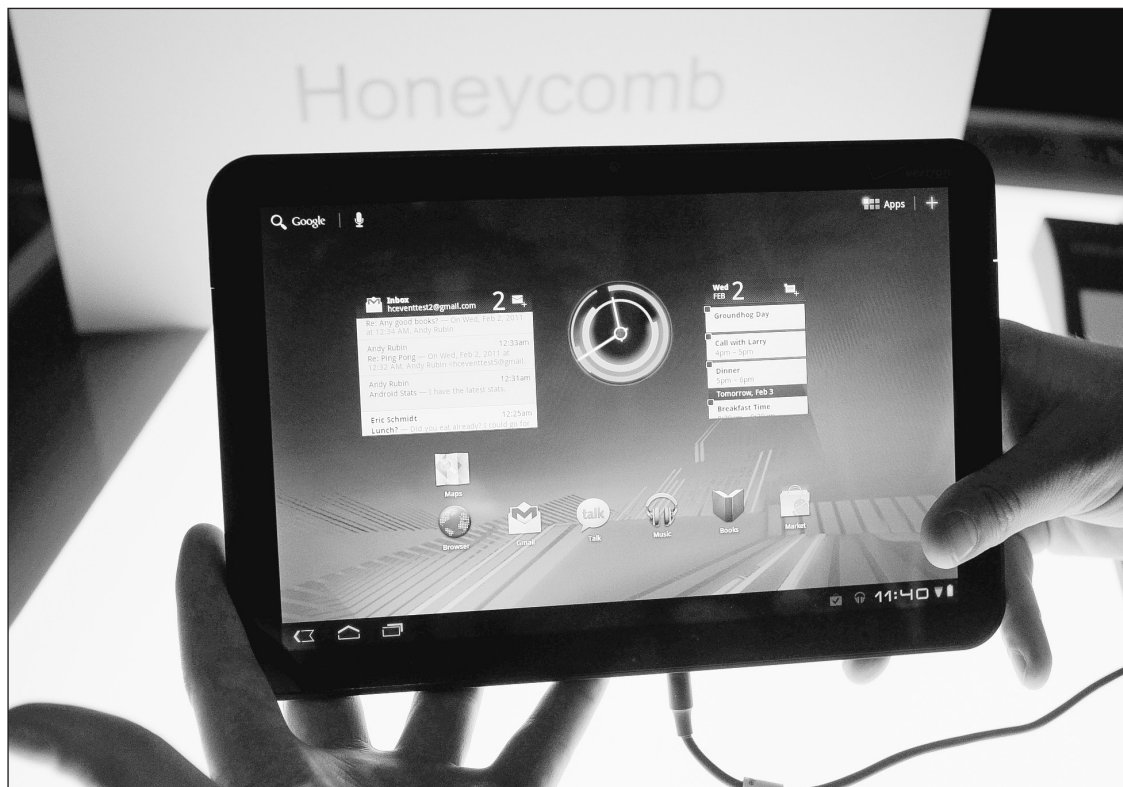
"There's a lot of potential uses for the technology once you've identified who the people are who are in the audience," he said. "A few years ago artists would play to a full arena and not have a clue who any of those people were, and today (they have) much more information." □

Google's patent play: \$12.5B for Motorola Mobility

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc.'s \$12.5 billion deal to buy cellphone maker Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc. is aimed at giving the Internet search leader more legal firepower as it battles Apple Inc. and Microsoft Corp. to gain the upper hand in the increasingly important mobile computing market. The all-cash acquisition announced Monday is the boldest move in Google's 13-year history. Besides being by far the largest deal that Google has ever proposed, buying Motorola would push the company into phone and computer tablet manufacturing for the first time, at the risk of alienating the other device makers that depend on Google's Android operating system. The proposed deal also is likely to increase government scrutiny on Google at a time when antitrust regulators in the U.S. and Europe already are parsing its business practices to determine whether it has been abusing its power to stifle competition. The inquiries are focused primarily on the company's Internet search and advertising businesses, but regulators are also looking into whether Google using Android to ensure its services receive preferential treatment on devices using that free software. If federal regulators approve the deal, Google CEO Larry Page's ability to avoid a clash of cultures will be tested. With 19,000 workers, Motorola Mobility's work force isn't that much smaller than Google's payroll of 28,800 employees. But this is deal more about patents than people. Google, which is based in Mountain View, California, is framing its Motorola acquisition as a way to protect the competitive landscape at a time when Android and the device makers using the software are facing a litany of lawsuits alleging that Google's operating system pilfered the patent-protected technology of other companies. Motorola,

which introduced its first cell phone nearly 30 years ago, has more than 17,000 patents with another 7,500 still awaiting approval. That trove presumably will give Google and its Android more patent protection against a list of legal antagonists that include three of the technology industry's most powerful companies — Apple, Microsoft and Oracle Corp. Apple and Google were once so close that Google's former CEO, Eric Schmidt sat on Apple's board. But the two companies have grown increasingly antagonistic as Android provided hardware makers with a way to counter the popularity of Apple's game-changing iPhone and iPad. The friction prompted Schmidt to resign from Apple's board two years ago. □



In this Feb. 2, 2011 file photo, a Motorola Mobility Xoom tablet is shown at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google is buying cell phone maker Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc., Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, for \$12.5 billion in cash in what is by far the company's biggest acquisition to date. Associated Press

At a Glance: Google's notable acquisitions

The Associated Press

Google Inc.'s planned acquisition of Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc. for \$12.5 billion would be its largest ever, nearly four times larger than the previous high, the 2008 purchase of online advertising company DoubleClick for \$3.2 billion. It's also more than the \$10.2 billion that Google has spent combined to buy 136 companies since it went public in 2004. Those companies expanded or complemented the breadth of services that the search leader offers. Here are some notable ones: — DoubleClick Inc. (2008). Google bought the provider of online advertising services for \$3.2 billion to help it provide more dynamic, multimedia ads besides the short text links that appear next to its search results. — YouTube Inc. (2006). Google's \$1.76 billion acquisition of the online video sharing site turned out to be a good bet. The site once known mainly for pirated material and home videos of kittens has become an entertainment destination on the Internet. — AdMob Inc. (2010).

Google paid \$681 million in stock to buy this mobile advertising service provider in a move to push ahead in this fast-growing market. — ITA Software Inc. (2010). The \$676 million purchase of this airline fare tracker helped Google muscle into the online travel market, though it had to make big concessions in order to clear regulatory hurdles. — Postini Inc. (2007). Google bought the email security company for \$546 million to beef up the security and storage products it offers to businesses. — Widevine Technologies Inc. (2010). Google paid \$158 million in cash for this provider of digital-rights management software, which is used to secure online video content. — On2 Technologies Inc. (2010). Google paid \$123 million for On2, a provider of digital video compression technology, to help cut bandwidth costs at YouTube. — Keyhole Corp. (2004). This little-known digital mapping service helped propel Google's maps into the top spot for finding online directions. □

Estee Lauder 4th quarter net income rises

NEW YORK (AP) — The Estee Lauder Cos. said net income rose 72 percent in the fourth quarter as results improved across all regions, particularly the U.S. Still, the beauty products maker forecast that full-year earnings would be below Wall Street expectations as it invests in advertising and updates its technology. Shares fell nearly 6 percent in pre-market trading. For the three months ended July 29, net income of \$41.1 million Monday, or 20 cents per share, up from \$23.9 million, or 12 cents per share. Net income was 24 cents per share excluding restructuring costs. That matched analyst expectations, according to a FactSet poll. Revenue rose 12 percent to \$2.06 billion from \$1.84 billion. Analysts expected net income of \$2.02 billion. Revenue rose 10 percent in the Americas, 13 percent in Europe, the Middle East & Africa and 16 percent in Asia Pacific. The New York company says revenue reflected \$42 million less in

orders from international retailers ahead of implementing new software at some affiliates. Skincare was the strongest quarter, with revenue up 15 percent to \$3.72 billion. Makeup sales rose 13 percent to \$3.37 billion. Fragrance revenue rose 9 percent to \$1.24 billion. Hair Care rose 4 percent to \$432.3 million. For the year, net income rose 47 percent to \$700.8 million, or \$3.48 per share, from \$478.3 million or \$2.38 per share last year. Revenue rose 13 percent to \$8.81 billion from \$7.8 billion last year. The company expects net income of \$1.10 to \$1.20 per share in the fiscal first quarter, excluding costs related to restructuring. It expects revenue to rise 11 percent to 13 percent, excluding the effect of currency fluctuations. Analysts expect \$1.12 per share. Estee Lauder, based in New York, said it plans to increase global ad spending in 2012 and update business software in 25 business units over the next two years. □



In this Dec. 10, 2010 file photo, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel talk at a press conference during the German-French consultations in Freiburg, Germany. Chancellor Merkel travels to Paris Tuesday Aug. 16, 2011, armed with plans for a new EU body to enforce strict budget limits and fiscal policy and calls for all eurozone nations to enshrine a balanced budget in their constitution.

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ECB in record \$32B bond buying spree

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The European Central Bank revealed Monday that it splashed out €22 billion (\$32 billion) last week — more than it has ever done before — propping up the bond markets of Italy and Spain.

News of the big bond purchases came a day before the leaders of Germany and France meet to discuss the debt crisis that has engulfed Europe for over a year and a half. Speculation that German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy would be considering proposals for the eurozone to issue jointly guaranteed government debt appear to have been dashed, however. Tuesday's meeting in Paris comes after a week of turmoil in financial markets, which was partly blamed on Europe's sprawling government debt crisis, which threatened to sweep up economic heavyweights such as Italy and Spain. Fears that the eurozone's third and fourth largest economies may find it too expensive to service their debts triggered the ECB's intervention in the bond markets.

France itself was caught in the crossfire last week, with investors worrying about the financial health of the country's banks and whether France would be the next country after the U.S. to lose its triple-A credit rating.

France and Germany, which together account for almost half of the eurozone's economic output, are taking the lead in pushing for reforms aimed at pulling the bloc out of its debt crisis.

"That is and remains a path of consolidation, of reform, strict adherence to a reworked stability pact that also includes sanctions," Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert said.

The discussions will center on "measures for better agreement of financial policies," paving the way for enhanced economic governance, he added.

Officials for both Merkel and Sarkozy said Monday that eurobonds would not be on the agenda.

Eurobonds would be a major step toward the bloc's economic integration, and are billed by supporters as an overnight solution to the debt crisis. Italy, Greece, Belgium and Luxembourg are among the nations calling for eurobonds.

However, Germany has been adamantly against their creation. □

Buffett calls for more taxes on 'mega-rich'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire investor Warren Buffett is calling on the "mega-rich" to pay more in taxes.

Buffett said Monday in a New York Times opinion piece that he would immediately raise rates on households with taxable income of more than \$1 million, and he would add an additional increase for those making \$10 million or more. He also recommends that the 12 members of Congress charged with devising a deficit-cutting plan leave rates for 99.7 percent of U.S. taxpayers unchanged.

"My friends and I have been coddled long enough by a billionaire-friendly Congress," Buffett wrote.

"It's time for our government to get serious about shared sacrifice."

Buffett, who is chairman and CEO of Omaha-based Berkshire Hathaway, has been calling for higher taxes on the super wealthy for several years.

He has said the tax system has contributed to the

growing gap between rich and poor.

President Barack Obama cited Buffett's op-ed to reinforce a point he was making at a town hall meeting in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, about spreading the pain when drafting a plan to deal with the mounting U.S. deficit.

Obama drew laughter and applause when he quoted Buffett's line about not coddling billionaires.

Buffett noted Monday that the mega-rich pay income taxes at a rate of 15 percent on most investment income but practically nothing in payroll taxes.

The middle class, meanwhile, typically falls into the 15 percent and 25 percent income tax brackets and is hit with heavy payroll taxes. He said Washington legislators "feel compelled to protect us, much as if we were spotted owls or some other endangered species."

Buffett said he knows many of the mega-rich well, and most wouldn't mind paying more in taxes, especially



In this May 2, 2011 file photo, Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway gestures during an interview, in Omaha, Neb. Buffett, in a New York Times opinion piece, is calling on the so-called mega-rich to pay more in taxes.

Associated Press

when so many fellow citizens are suffering.

He also said he has yet to see anyone shy away from investments because of tax rates on potential gains, even when rates were much higher in the mid-1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

"People invest to make money, and potential taxes have never scared them off," he said. □

Foreign holdings fell during Treasury debt ceiling talks

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign investors cut their holdings of U.S. Treasury debt in June for the first time in more than a year. The decline came at a time of anxiety about whether the United States would raise its borrowing limit.

China, the biggest buyer of U.S. Treasury debt, increased its investment for a third straight month. But Japan, the second-largest buyer, along with Brazil, Russia, Hong Kong, and a group that includes the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Netherlands and the Cayman Islands cut their investments. Overall foreign holdings dropped 0.4 percent to \$4.5 trillion.

Congress and the Obama administration reached a deal on Aug. 2 that allowed an increase in the borrowing limit. The agreement came hours before the U.S. faced a potential default on its debt.

The deal also included a two-stage process to cut \$2.1 trillion from the deficit

over the next decade. That fell short of the \$4 trillion in cuts that Standard & Poor's said was needed to achieve a credible deficit-reduction plan.

As a result, S&P downgraded the U.S. government's credit rating from AAA to AA+.

The June dip in overall foreign holdings represented a \$15.1 billion drop from private investors and a \$1.7 billion decline from government investors, such as central banks. Foreign governments account for about 72 percent of total foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury debt.

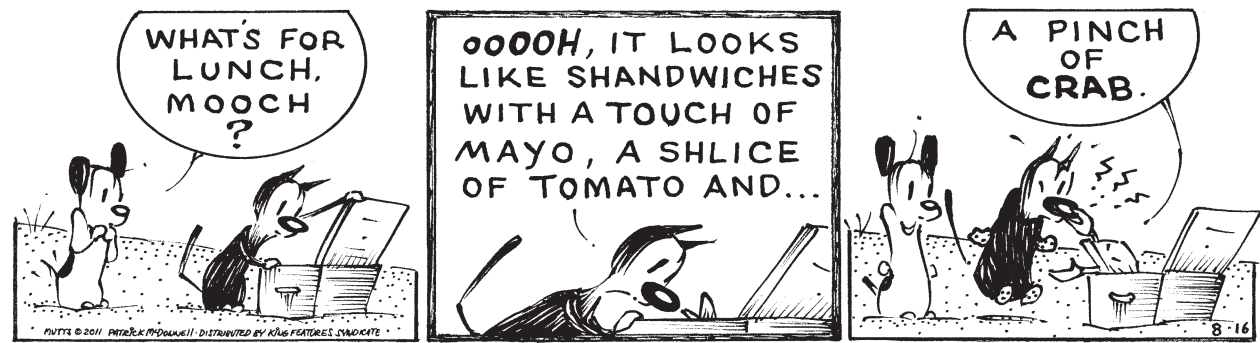
The decline by private investors included a record \$18.3 billion drop in net purchases of long-term Treasury securities.

China increased its holdings 0.5 percent to \$1.166 trillion.

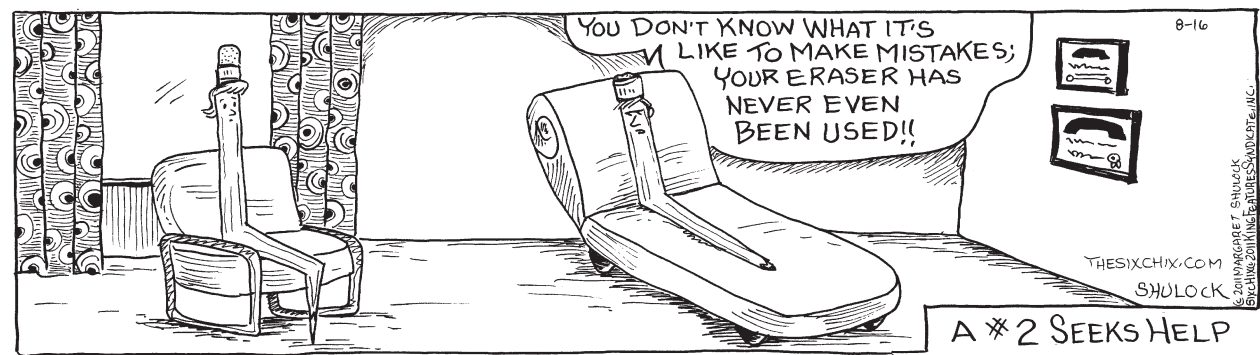
Japan trimmed its holdings 0.2 percent to \$911 billion.

Britain, the third-largest foreign holder of Treasury securities, boosted its investment 0.8 percent to \$349.5 billion. □

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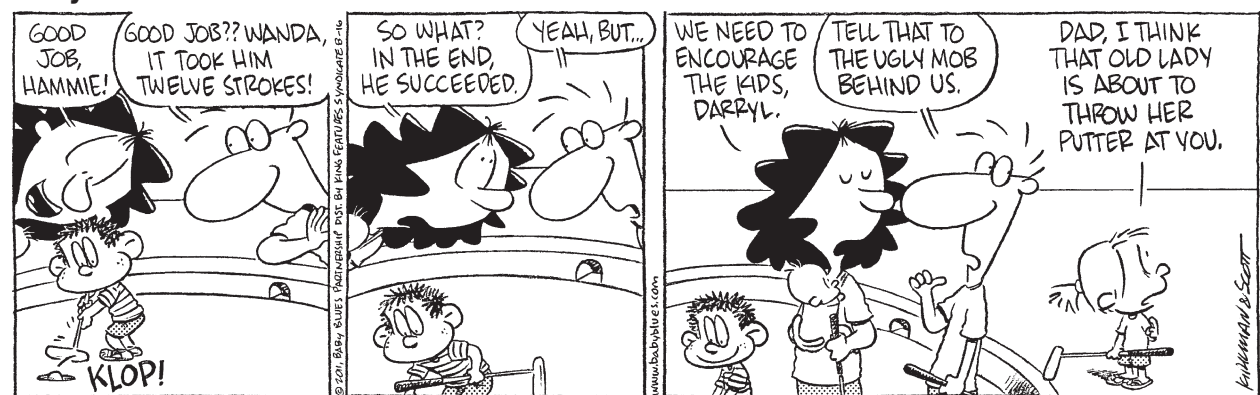
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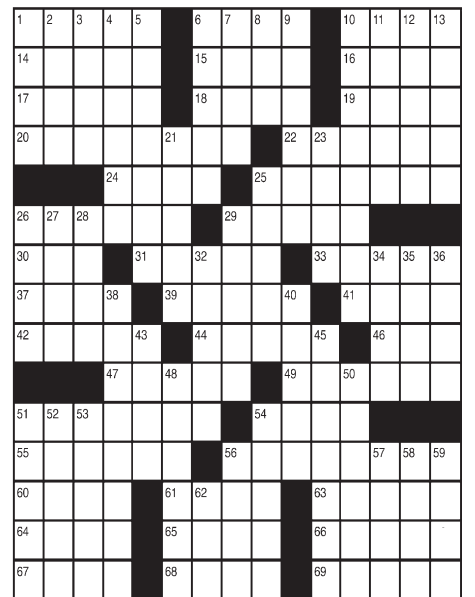
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Wild spree
- 6 Beneficial
- 10 Hawaiian island
- 14 Decorate
- 15 "Do __ others..."
- 16 Story line
- 17 Rub it in
- 18 Piece of Greek Orthodox art
- 19 Harbor town
- 20 Reasonable
- 22 Waken
- 24 "Beat it!"
- 25 Not nearly as tasty
- 26 Athlete
- 29 Evade
- 30 Lubricate
- 31 Put off; delay
- 33 Follow
- 37 Poodles and greyhounds
- 39 Food chopper
- 41 British conservative
- 42 Slow as a __
- 44 Stand for an artist's painting
- 46 Grow old
- 47 Bridal offering
- 49 Reached a high point
- 51 Small bouquet
- 54 Actor Orson __
- 55 Rubber end of a pencil
- 56 Small dead-end street
- 60 Border on
- 61 Bric-a-__
- 63 Greek alphabet ending
- 64 Bush's Condoleezza
- 65 All skin and bones
- 66 Uses an emery board
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- 68 Rams' mates
- 69 Inaccurate



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 3 Middy

- 4 Like a meadow
- 5 Tempted
- 6 Culpability
- 7 A single time
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- 9 Daisy Duck's love
- 10 Rival
- 11 Spoken; oral
- 12 Steed
- 13 Say
- 21 Exposed
- 23 In a __; furious
- 25 Uses a drill
- 26 Whale groups
- 27 Roaring beast
- 28 Seaweed
- 29 Go bad
- 32 Hot-tempered
- 34 Saturate
- 35 Craving
- 36 Looked at
- 38 Steer clear of
- 40 Fend off
- 43 Theater box
- 45 Go first

- 48 Sing like a bird
- 50 Red blood cell deficiency
- 51 Comes close to
- 52 Planet's path
- 53 Word with soy or Hollandaise
- 54 Dollars
- 56 Punish harshly
- 57 Get rid of on eBay, e.g.
- 58 Middle __; period from about A.D. 500 to A.D. 1500
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Today In History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, August 16, the 228th day of 2011. There are 137 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1570 - John Sigismund Zappolya of Transylvania signs secret treaty with Holy Roman Empire to achieve independence from Turkey, but renounces control over much of Hungary.

2003 - Ugandan military ruler Idi Amin, 78, who presided over an eight-year reign of terror from 1971-1979, where an estimated 300,000 people were killed and tortured to death; dies of multiple organ failure.

2004 - Venezuelans vote to keep President Hugo Chavez in office in a popular referendum, following a long and bitter campaign by his opposition to oust him.

2005 - A chartered jet filled with tourists returning home to the French Caribbean island of Martinique crashes in western Venezuela, killing all 160 people on board.

2006 - The Israeli army begins its withdrawal from southern Lebanon, handing over some of their positions to a U.N force.

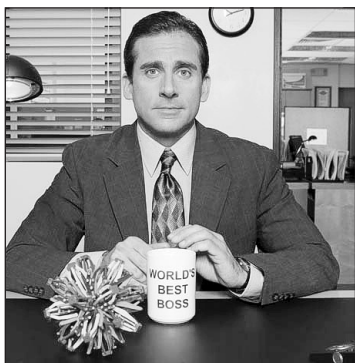
2007 - A powerful 7.9-magnitude earthquake shakes Peru's coast near the capital, toppling buildings, setting off landslides, killing at least 500 and injuring at least 827.

2009 - Prime Minister Gordon Brown affirms Britain's commitment to Afghanistan on a weekend in

which roadside bombs kill five more soldiers, pushing the U.K. death toll past 200.

2010 — A Boeing 737 jetliner filled with vacationers crashed in a thunderstorm and broke apart as it slid onto the runway on a Caribbean island near Colombia.

Only one of the 131 people on board dies, and the island's governor calls it a miracle.



Today is Steve Carell's birthday

Today's Birthdays:

Jean de la Bruyere, French essayist-novelist (1645-1696); Menachem Begin, Israeli prime minister (1913-1992); Shimon Peres, Israeli prime minister (1923--); Eydie Gorme, U.S. singer (1932--); Bruce Beresford, Australian film director (1940--); Suzanne Farrell, U.S. ballerina (1945--); Madonna, U.S. pop singer (1958--); Steve Carell, actor (1962--).

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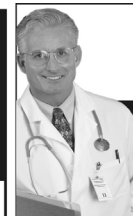
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Associated Press

What is crucial is that there were no people involved. The cameras were hidden with camouflage and do not have a visible flash. They are heat-sensitive, so when something warm is nearby, the camera snaps a picture. The cameras were positioned to study mammals, but also got large birds, lizards and something else: human poachers, guns in hand. Ahumada and his team positioned the cameras in seven different wildlife preserves in Suriname, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Tanzania, Brazil, Uganda and Laos. Suriname had the most diversity and Laos the least. □

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Sheen takes batting practice at Chase Field



Actor Charlie Sheen stands up for the playing of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" in the seventh inning during a baseball game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Mets, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, in Phoenix. The Diamondbacks defeated the Mets 5-3.

(AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

PHOENIX (AP) — Charlie Sheen got some batting practice then asked for ice for his elbow before an Arizona Diamondbacks-New York Mets baseball game at Chase Field. Sheen later watched Sunday's game from a suite.

Pictures showed his right elbow wrapped with a bandage.

Sheen had a pre-existing elbow injury that flared up, Diamondbacks President Derrick Hall said Monday.

It was the team's under-

standing that Sheen is trying to get back into shape for a possible sequel to the "Major League" movies, Diamondbacks spokesman Casey Wilcox said. However, Sheen publicist Larry Solters said he wasn't aware of any "Major League" sequel but he didn't necessarily rule it out. Former major league player Todd Zeile had asked if he and Sheen could take batting practice. They hit balls for 30 minutes before the stadium gates opened. □

Sugarland saved by tour manager

CAITLIN R. KING
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — It came down to seconds and one instinctive decision that may have saved the lives of country duo Sugarland and others at the Indiana State Fair where five people died when a stage collapsed.

Tour manager Hellen Rollens looked at the sky and decided to hold the band backstage. A minute later, 60 to 70 mph (96 to 112 kph) wind gusts toppled the roof and the metal scaffolding holding lights and other equipment on Saturday night in Indianapolis. It crashed into the audience, killing four instantly and fifth later at a hospital. Dozens were injured, some critically.

When they heard the deafening boom of the stage crashing, Sugarland and crew hit the ground and took cover against a wall, thinking it was going to collapse on top of them. □

Fans flock to Graceland to remember Elvis Presley

ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press
MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Thousands of fans of Elvis Presley from around the world, some wearing his trademark outfits and thick sideburns, made their way to his Graceland estate for a candlelight vigil ahead of the 34th anniversary of the singer's death.

Droves of fans trek each year to Memphis to remember Elvis, who died on Aug. 16, 1977. The vigil was the main draw of "Elvis Week," and some waited hours outside the stately mansion for the procession set to start at 9:30 p.m. EDT (0130 GMT).

Devotees like 60-year-old Joe Makowski, who claims he saw Elvis in concert 81 times, lined up for hours along Graceland's outer brick wall. Makowski and his girlfriend, Pamela Hembree, were among the first in line. A New Jersey native who owns four of Elvis' concert-worn scarves and has attended several vigils, he said it was time to introduce Hembree to the Elvis Week experience honoring the life and career of the



Elvis tribute artist Marcos Santos gives a personal serenade to Louise Smith of Southaven, Miss., during a performance in the Graceland Entertainment Pavilion in Memphis, Tenn. before a vigil marking the 34th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley Monday night, Aug. 15, 2011.

(AP Photo/The Commercial Appeal, Jim Weber)

rock 'n' roll star.

"I get to meet new fans and meet new people, so that's why I line up here early in the day," said Makowski, who went to Las Vegas twice a year between 1971 and 1976 to see Elvis perform. "The biggest thing I get out of it is seeing the young fans that weren't even born until years after he passed away."

Makowski said he admires

Elvis because of his singing and performing prowess, of course, but also for what he called the singer's overall coolness.

"He helped me break out of my shell because I was kind of a shy kid," said Makowski, an actor who now lives in Palm Harbor, Florida. Those present Monday included visitors from Japan, England, Germany and other countries. □

Rembrandt drawing stolen from CA hotel

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 17th-century drawing by Rembrandt was snatched from a private art display at a California luxury hotel while a curator was momentarily distracted, officials said Monday. The theft of the \$250,000 sketch from the lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the upmarket seaside community of Marina del Rey happened around 10:30 p.m. Saturday night while someone who seemed interested in buying another piece held the curator's attention for a few minutes. "When the curator turned back to the Rembrandt, it was gone," Los Angeles County sher-

iff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said. It was not clear whether the person talking to the curator was connected to the theft, though Whitmore said a team of at least two people was involved. The sketch, called "The Judgment," was completed around 1655 and is signed on the back by the Dutch master. Rembrandt von Rijn is widely regarded as one of the finest painters in European art history and his worldwide name recognition has made his work a common target for thieves. "Rembrandt is a name that criminals know or should know," said Chris Marinello, executive director of the London-based Art Loss Register, an inter-

national database of stolen artworks. "When they come across one, they see dollar signs," Marinello said the theft was likely a crime of opportunity and not an operation carried at the command of a mysterious criminal with a private art collection, as is often depicted in movies. "Hollywood would love us to believe there are paintings being ordered stolen," he said. "We have yet to find that." Artworks tend to surface either very quickly after they are stolen or else disappear into the underworld where they are traded between criminals at a fraction of their value for drugs and other illicit materials, Marinello said. □

Fashion's Night Out zeroes in on style celebrities



A model wears a creation by Juana de Arco for the spring/summer 2011-2012 collection during Buenos Aires Fashion Week in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Night Out, the shopping initiative driven by Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, returns as a bigger event next month, extending to 250 U.S. cities.
(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fashion's Night Out, the shopping initiative driven by Vogue

editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, returns as a bigger event next month, extending to 250 U.S. cities. But there seems to be a sharp-

er focus on industry stars — including designers, red carpet experts, and make-up artists — instead of the Hollywood celebrities who grabbed headlines the past two years.

The event aims to draw consumers into stores on one night during the all-important fall retail season by making shopping an exciting, interactive experience with how-to sessions, music, refreshments and glimpses of insider glamour. This year's FNO is Sept 8, with New York still clearly its home base, but many national retailers and mall operators joining in: For example, stylists will be at select Nordstrom stores, and Neiman Marcus has special events planned at more than two dozen locations. Don't live in a big city? Shopbop.com is streaming footage of its fashion gurus visiting stores, and QVC plans a live broadcast, including a fashion show. The buzz, however, will likely still come from Manhattan, where Michael Kors plans to stand in the window at Bergdorf Goodman, Rachel Zoe will visit Bloomingdale's to debut her new collection and model Coco Rocha will talk up the Karl Lagerfeld line at Macy's Herald Square. □



Above and below: Models wear Varanasi creations from the Spring/Summer 2011-2012 collection during the Buenos Aires Fashion Week in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Night Out, the shopping initiative driven by Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, returns as a bigger event next month, extending to 250 U.S. cities.
(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)



A model wears a creation by Maria Cher for the spring/summer 2011-2012 collection during Buenos Aires Fashion Week in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Night Out, the shopping initiative driven by Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, returns as a bigger event next month, extending to 250 U.S. cities.
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The Texas unmiracle



PAUL KRUGMAN

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As expected, Rick Perry, the governor of Texas, has announced that he is running for president. And we already know what his campaign will be about: faith in miracles. Some of these miracles will involve things that you're liable to read in the Bible. But if he wins the Republican nomination, his campaign will probably center on a more secular theme: the alleged economic miracle in Texas, which, it's often asserted, sailed through the Great Recession almost unscathed thanks to conservative economic policies.

And Perry will claim that he can restore prosperity to America by applying the same policies at a national level. So what you need to know is that the Texas miracle is a myth, and more broadly that Texan experience offers no useful lessons on how to restore national full employment. It's true that Texas entered recession a bit later than the rest of America, mainly because the state's still energy-heavy economy was buoyed by high oil prices through the first half of 2008. Also, Texas was spared the worst of the housing crisis, partly because it turns out to have surprisingly strict regulation of mortgage lending. Despite all that, however, from mid-2008 onward unemployment soared in Texas, just as it did almost everywhere else. In June 2011, the Texas unemployment rate was 8.2 percent.

That was less than unemployment in collapsed-bubble states like California and Florida, but it was slightly higher than the unemployment rate in New York, and significantly higher than the rate in Massachusetts. By the way, 1 in 4 Texans lacks health insurance, the highest proportion in the nation, thanks largely to the state's small-government approach. Meanwhile, Massachusetts has near-universal coverage thanks to health reform very similar to the "job-killing" Affordable Care Act. So where does the notion of a Texas miracle come from? Mainly from widespread misunderstanding of the economic effects of population growth. For this much is true about Texas: It has, for many decades, had much faster population growth than the rest of America – about twice as fast since 1990.

Several factors underlie this rapid population growth: a high

birth rate, immigration from Mexico, and inward migration of Americans from other states, who are attracted to Texas by its warm weather and low cost of living, low housing costs in particular.

And just to be clear, there's nothing wrong with a low cost of living. In particular, there's a good case to be made that zoning policies in many states unnecessarily restrict the supply of housing, and that this is one area where Texas does in fact do something right. But what does population growth have to do with job growth? Well, the high rate of population growth translates into above-average job growth through a couple of channels. Many of the people moving to Texas – retirees in search of warm winters, middle-class Mexicans in search of a safer life – bring purchasing power that leads to greater local employment. At the same time, the rapid growth in the Texas workforce keeps wages low – almost 10 percent of Texan workers earn the minimum wage or less, well above the national average – and these low wages give corporations an incentive to move production to the Lone Star State.

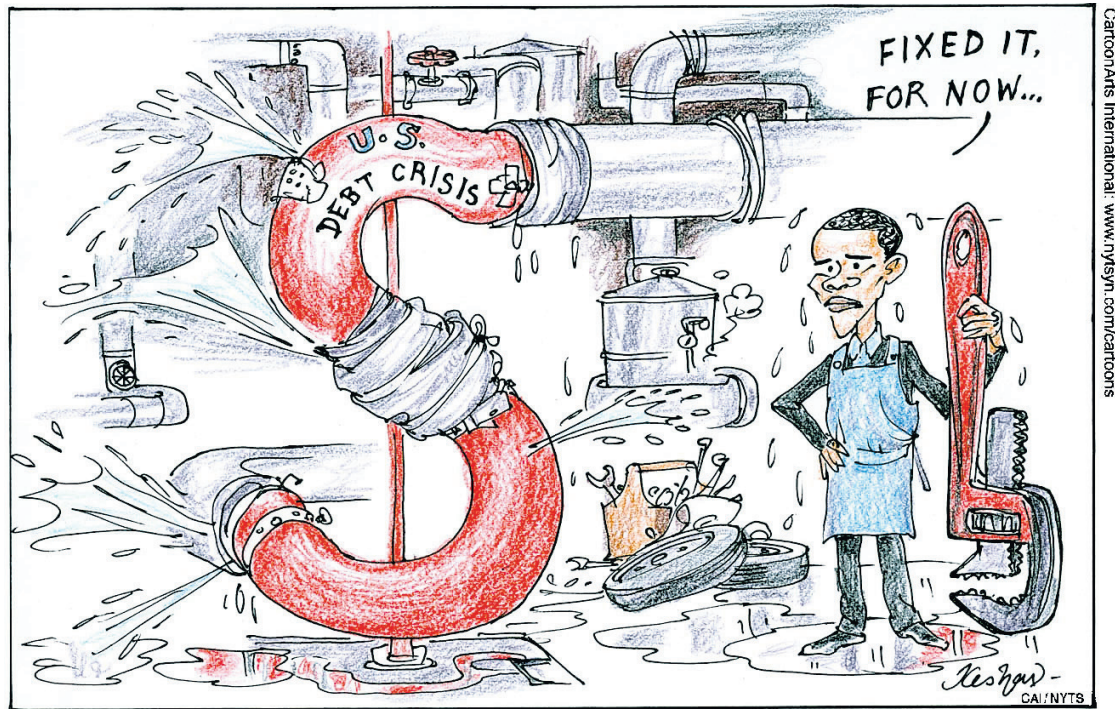
So Texas tends, in good years and bad, to have higher job growth than the rest of America. But it needs lots of new jobs just to keep up with its rising population – and as those unemployment comparisons show, recent employment growth has fallen well short of what's needed. If this picture doesn't look very much like the glowing portrait Texas boosters like to paint, there's a reason: The glowing portrait is false. Still, does Texas job growth point the way to faster job growth in the nation as a whole? No. What Texas shows is that a state offering cheap labor and, less important, weak regulation can attract jobs from other states.

I believe that the appropriate response to this insight is "Well, duh." The point is that arguing from this experience that depressing wages and dismantling regulation in America as a whole would create more jobs – which is, whatever Perry may say, what Perryomics amounts to in practice – involves a fallacy of composition:

Every state can't lure jobs away from every other state.

In fact, at a national level lower wages would almost certainly lead to fewer jobs – because they would leave working Americans even less able to cope with the overhang of debt left behind by the housing bubble, an overhang that is at the heart of our economic problem.

So when Perry presents himself as the candidate who knows how to create jobs, don't believe him. His prescriptions for job creation would work about as well in practice as his prayer-based attempt to end Texas' crippling drought. □



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This has been a clarifying week for the 2012 election. Thursday's Republican debate reminded everyone why Mitt Romney is the front-runner, as his rivals left the former Massachusetts governor more or less untouched. Saturday's Ames straw poll disposed of Tim Pawlenty, who not so long ago seemed positioned to give Romney a real challenge. Instead, that challenge will probably come from Rick Perry, whose entrance into the race promises to set up a Romney-Perry slugfest for the nomination, with Michele Bachmann playing spoiler.

Romney and Perry will be competing to face possibly the weakest incumbent since Jimmy Carter, with the world in turmoil and the economy adrift. Six months ago, it still seemed as if Republican primary voters might be choosing a sacrificial lamb to run against President Barack Obama. Now it looks as if they might be choosing the next president.

This should inspire Republicans to return, yet again, to the question that has dogged their party's field all year. Is this really the best we can do?

The answer is no.

No one doubts Romney's intelligence or competence, but he has managed to run for president for almost five years without taking a single courageous or even remotely interesting position. The thinking person's case for Romney, murmured by many of his backers, amounts to this: Vote for

Chris Christie's cue

Mitt, you know he doesn't believe a word he says.

But his phoniness would remain a weakness even if he won the presidency.

He's a born compromiser pretending to be a hard-liner, and the hard-liners know it – which means he would enter the Oval Office with conservative knives already sharpened and ready for his back. Rick Perry has many of the qualities that Romney seems to lack: backbone, core convictions, a killer instinct and a primal understanding of the right-wing electorate. He also has the better story. Where Romney has to run away from his Massachusetts health care bill and downplay his years as a downsizing artist at Bain Capital, Perry can spend the campaign reminding voters that almost half of the new jobs in Obama's presidency were created on his watch in Texas. What Perry doesn't have, though, is the kind of moderate facade that Americans look for in their presidents. He's the conservative id made flesh, with none of the postpartisan/uniter-not-a-divider spirit that successful national politicians usually cultivate.

Imagine if the Democratic Party nominated a combination of Al Franken and Nancy Pelosi for the presidency, and you have a sense of the kind of gamble Republicans would be taking with Perry.

And even if that gamble worked, little in his record suggests that he's prepared to preside over a polarized country, or negotiate his way through a divided Washington. Maybe Perry has hidden subtleties; maybe Romney has hidden convictions.

But if this is a 1970s moment for America and the world, the Republican front-runners look more like John Connally and Gerald Ford than Ronald Reagan or Margaret Thatcher.

So whose door should Republicans be knocking on instead? Unless Mitch Daniels changes his mind or Jeb Bush changes his last

name, the only compelling possibility remaining is Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey.

Of course Christie has ruled out running. (So had Perry, not so long ago.) Of course it would be an epic gamble on his part, since a loss would mark the end of his Garden State career.

Of course Christie has obvious weaknesses: the brevity of his gubernatorial experience, the fact that he's more moderate than his party's base, the fact that it's been a hundred years since America elected a president with his avoirdupois.

But the looming Romney-Perry showdown throws Christie's strengths into sharp relief.

Unlike the unloved Romney, Christie has a huge cheering section among movement conservatives, who love his combative style enough to forgive his ideological deviations. Unlike Perry, he's campaigned and governed outside the Republican Party's Sun Belt strongholds. Unlike both, he embodies the kind of voter who swings elections in America – not a Mormon businessman or a cowboy-booted Texan, but a Catholic with middle-class roots born one state over from the Rust Belt.

Moreover, serving as the budget-cutting Republican governor of a Democratic state is a far, far better preparation for what awaits the next president than either Perry's small-government idyll or Romney's permanent campaign. In his brief New Jersey tenure, Christie has accomplished more, against more determined opposition, amid more media scrutiny and with more resilient poll numbers than almost any Great Recession politician.

Six months ago, the best argument for a Christie campaign was that the Republican Party needed him.

That wasn't nearly enough to justify the risk. But if the country needs him? Then it might be worth considering. □

Nordstrom in New York to use an alias

STEPHANIE CLIFFORD
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After flirting for years with a move into New York City, Nordstrom is opening a full priced store in Manhattan. But the store will not have Nordstrom in its name, or even feel like a Nordstrom. Called Treasure&Bond, the new store will open Friday in Manhattan and will be less than a tenth the size of a typical Nordstrom department store.

In fact, it is a big experiment that will not even contribute to Nordstrom's bottom line, as the profits have been committed to charity.

That may seem odd for a public company, but retail analysts said it was sensible for the Seattle-based chain, which for years has been trying to figure out the New York market before formally opening a full-fledged department store. "They're probably trying to generate goodwill before they make themselves present in New York with a full-line store," said Ken Stumphauzer, an analyst

seems to be aimed at her graphic designer younger sister. The merchandise in the boutique is funkier than what a Nordstrom would carry – one perfume sold there is called "Fat Electrician," with the label showing a sliver of a man's bottom breaking free from his pants.

Though the company has always aimed upscale, the only Nordstrom store in New York City is a discount Nordstrom Rack store

While other retailers have tried pop-up shops to test the New York market, Nordstrom says that Treasure&Bond will not fit that mold and will instead be a permanent location. Adding to potential confusion, the upscale online retailer Gilt Groupe earlier this month introduced a men's clothing site called Park & Bond.

The company says its charity efforts will go further than competitors who team up with nonprofit groups for campaigns. And all proceeds from the rather expensive merchandise go to

mitted to opening a department store in the city. The Treasure&Bond name gave Nordstrom leeway, he said.

"It allows us to be way more nimble and to learn," he said. "If we opened something like this, and had it be

going to know that we helped hatch it," he said. "That would create a glow, not only for this store but for Nordstrom, that's positive in Manhattan."

Analysts cautioned that the store will not necessarily boost Nordstrom's foray

nators from the New York hat designer Satya Twena. The clothes are largely gray, black and taupe.

"We tried to take a stab at being more of a downtown girl, at least until we get a sense of who's shopping here," Boggs said.



Items at a new store called Treasure & Bond, opened by Nordstrom, in New York, Aug. 15, 2011. The store, which is one-tenth the size of a normal Nordstrom's, will commit all its profits to charity.
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at Sterne Agee. "This will essentially give them some perception or added insight into the New York consumer, and specifically into the more affluent full-priced consumer."

If the regular Nordstrom stores go after the perfectly coiffed, cardigan-wearing shopper, Treasure&Bond

children's charities, Nordstrom says.

In addition, there are no plans to make it a for-profit store, said Peter E.

Nordstrom, executive vice president and president of merchandising at Nordstrom.

But he added that the company remained com-

Nordstrom in some way, it would end up disappointing – people would show up and say, ‘What’s this?’” He said the company viewed it as an incubator – if a T-shirt line sold well, Nordstrom might sell it in regular stores.

"While our name isn't all over it, I think people are

in New York. For instance, having such a different name will not help with brand recognition in a city where it is still relatively unknown, analysts said. "From the standpoint of branding and public goodwill, it seems counterintuitive," Stumphauzer said.

And the store's merchandise and look is so different from a regular Nordstrom that it is questionable how applicable the lessons might be, some said. Treasure&Bond has an unfinished look: exposed pipes, wooden shipping crates turned into display cases, and rolling storage serving as tables.

The range of merchandise is wide. "We tried to get stuff we don't see everywhere," said Paige Boggs, Treasure&Bond's general manager.

There are housewares, like old Afghan kilim rugs that have been re-dyed, and a \$300 seated resin monkey with a candelabra growing from his head. There are Princess Beatrice-like fasci-

If you want a pink party dress, go elsewhere; this store has lots of drapery long things with ties – might be a T-shirt, might be a romper, might be a parachute. There are even shoes made of Tyvek, that crumply material that FedEx uses for envelopes.

"We want to be able to test the boundaries of how much different types of stuff you can get in here," Boggs said.

The original idea for the store came from the Vogue editor Anna Wintour and the New York philanthropist Catherine Marron, Nordstrom executives said.

The charity work will give Nordstrom access to influential New Yorkers, said analyst Jennifer Black.

"Maybe they just want to meet all the right people," she said. "It's going to create a lot of buzz."

Treasure&Bond will detail how much it has donated to these charities on its website, said Nordstrom spokeswoman Brooke White. □